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Highlands East Promotes ATV's and 2-Ups on Trails

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

After listening to several delegations last week about the use of standard ATV's and 2-ups within the municipality, not only is the Highlands East Council willing to promote the use of ATV's on the rail trails and on unopened road allowances, it is also prepared to actively promote the legalization of 2-ups on highways in Ontario.

The use of 2-ups, an ATV that is built for a rider with a passenger behind them, has been a bit of a hot topic for some time now, as they become more and more popular as a machine designed for family use.

For now, the machines are not legal on roadways or on public access crown forest roadways under current Highway Traffic Act requirements in Ontario. Many provincial ATV associations anticipate that the Off Road Vehicle Act will be amended over the next year, and Highlands East has decided to support and promote this eventuality.

The first delegation included Eric Christensen, Steve Skidmore and George Steward of the Haliburton ATV Association. Speaking for the group, Christensen referred to an outstanding lawsuit about the use of ATV's and snowmobiles on abandoned rail lines and suggested that they include the municipality as an additionally named insured on their liability insurance policy. "I think this would be prudent as the rail lines are public property."

Christensen said that HATVA had been discussing the ramifications of opening up all of the unopened road allowances for use by ATV's in the municipality as well as the rail trails and asked that they be included in an agreement between HATVA and Highlands East.

Providing a map that delineated their trail system, Christensen said, "Our blanket insurance policy covers all of the trails on the map and a certificate of insurance will provide some assurance of protection and give your legal department some peace of mind."

"The ATV sport is growing exponentially and people are coming from the city to ride because we have the best riding experience in the province," he said. Words like this are music to the ears of a Council ready to promote their municipality as an outdoor experience destination.

In response to a question by Councillor Suzanne Partridge, Christensen advised that

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Low Water Levels Delay Snowmobile Bridge Removal

by Liz Daniels & Lyn Winans

"This has been a joint forces project from day one." (Andy Chvedukus)

With the appearance of boats on the Gull River in Minden Hills, the question of accessibility to and from town arises with the floating snow mobile bridge still spanning the water. It appears that extraordinary low water levels are contributing to further concerns and ironically, this year levels in the Gull River have even impacted the Haliburton County Snowmobile Association.

According to Minden Hills Director of Community Services Rick Cox, there has already been a complaint from one ardent fisherman who was unable to get downstream. But the municipality still has some time because Transport Canada, as the responsible authority, has advised that the deadline to remove the bridge is May 15th.

Cox said, "This is our first year, so a routine hasn't been established yet," but added that the sooner the glitches are worked out and the bridge relocated the better. The intention is to reposition the bridge along the Orde Street shoreline to have it serve as a community dock during the boating season, but Cox said that negotiations are still underway to arrange equipment for both the move and conversion.

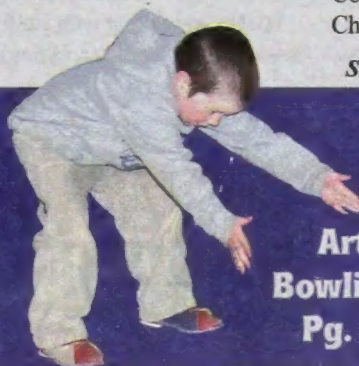
Cox also voiced considerable disappointment in the fact that the bridge has already suffered some minor vandalism since it was installed earlier this year.

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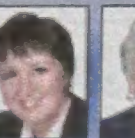
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Deputy Clerk Laura Cunliffe has been given overall responsibility to coordinate the move and has been working closely with both a consultant and HCSA. Cunliffe, who suggested that the bridge could be moved as early as next week, said, "The bridge has been good for the community and we're working with HCSA to get this done. The water levels have been very low and in a perfect world we would have had this project completed already."

In the meantime, Cunliffe said that the municipality is waiting for a recommendation from its consultant on how to set the bridge up for summer use and how to deal with the river embankment.

"We're actually a month ahead of the normal season and we're all scrambling to get this done."

In the meantime, we want to address any liability concerns that could arise."

Cunliffe said that HCSA will retain the responsibility to relocate the bridge, with the municipality's assistance to remove and store the ramps. "We'll move the bridge/dock out of the way to resolve any travel issues and complete the project once we have determined the best location for the dock."

According to Cunliffe the dock is still planned for placement on the Orde Street side of the Gull and once the structure has been moved, signs will be installed advising that there is no admittance, at least until the dock is properly placed.

Of course, everything comes at a price and Cunliffe said, "The issue of cost must be taken into consideration. The facility has to be safe; there is also a culvert that needs to be moved and brushing to be done."

Cunliffe, mirroring concerns being voiced across the county, said that she hoped that with rain, the water levels will rise. "The bridge is somewhat stranded at this point until there is a bit more water," she said.

As to the plan if water levels don't improve, Cunliffe confirmed that an alternate 'plan B' would



down given existing water levels and that it was indeed resting on the riverbed.

"It's a question of whether you want to move a dock when it's sitting on the shoreline or when it's floating. No more or less than that."

"We have a very good relationship with Minden Hills and I'm sure we'll work out any glitches that we encounter."

In response to concerns that have been raised about liability, Chvedukus assured the Voice that bridge is covered for liability throughout the year and comments from Cox confirmed that while HCSC liability insurance lapsed on March 31st, the municipality's insurance kicks into gear at the same time.

According to Chvedukus the municipality is working with the Orillia Power Authority and the Trent Severn Waterway to find out when the damn will be opened up next and coordinate moving the bridge at that time. He said, "It's a matter of having someone on standby to move the bridge and waiting for the right water level to get the job done. Once the two approach ramps are removed the bridge is a bit easier to manoeuvre."

As a joint venture project Chvedukus had nothing but good things to say. "This has been a joint forces project from day one and without the two organizations working so closely together the project wouldn't have been successfully achieved. The bridge has not only been a great attraction for snowmobilers since it went in but it has provided a safe passageway for machines through Minden."

Even better, Chvedukus said that when there is finally some water in the river, the bridge will double as docking facilities for the community. "It's a win/win situation for everyone."

That is, assuming there is sufficient water to enjoy a new docking facility. ■

Rosebush Opens Up

Zoe Cittern

Staff Reporter

"If someone finds themselves facing a debilitating illness then having support and someone to talk to is so helpful."

That's according to Paul Rosebush, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services.

Rosebush can relate to the need of a support system as ten years ago he was fighting a life threatening illness himself. He notes, "I know how helpful and important hospice services are and the volunteers who work there. If there had been a similar service where I was living it would have been extremely beneficial."

In Haliburton County SIRCH community services provides Community Hospice; a free service for individuals with a life-threatening illness, families of palliative clients, individuals and families affected by Alzheimer's disease and related dementias and to those who are grieving or bereaved.

SIRCH provides each individual with a hospice volunteer. They provide the caregivers family respite and are there for the client simply as a listening ear or to drive them to appointments. From April 2008 onwards SIRCH has supported over 100 clients each year and since 2004 requests for the service has doubled.

Rosebush holds the title of Honorary Chair for this year's Hike



Paul Rosebush, CEO of Haliburton Highlands Hospital Services

for a space dedicated to hospice and palliative care which the county is presently lacking. He notes, "There isn't a singular dedicated space for hospice care at the moment and it's a current challenge that we face in a rural community. It's a sustainability issue and we want to work with the community to develop something."

"HHHS is working with Haliburton Hospice and SIRCH to establish a palliative service. At the moment it's a concept and still has to pass through planning and funding stages but the idea for a hospice in the community would open up new doors for certain individuals and their families."

After learning about hospice and having an opportunity to work with SIRCH palliative through his work at the hospital, Rosebush concluded that they are a great community resource.

As honorary chair for the Hike, Rosebush himself is busy raising funds to help support the day. In his own words "as the number one cheerleader," he will be participating in the Hike, even though he's not sure of the length he'll be partaking in just yet!

The CEO has had a long volunteer history from social housing to family service programs to coaching kids. He believes SIRCH is, "small but huge in passion. It's a type of service to be wise to engage with. At the end of someone's life it's the most fearful time and having this kind of service and support to understand the challenges helps to unburden and un-complicate decisions and processes that people need to think about."

If you would like to participate in the Hike on May 1st, head over to SIRCH Community Services located at 4663 Highway 21 and pick up a pledge form to bring with you on the day. You can also log on to their website at www.sirch.on.ca, click on the 'What's New' section and download a pledge form.

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Halbiem Crescent Fire

Lawn Tractor causes Devastating House Fire

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

A fire ripped through a house in Halbiem Crescent in Haliburton last Sunday afternoon after a lawn tractor caught on fire in the garage.

According to Dysart Fire Chief Miles Maughan, the owner of the house, Stuart Tilling was recharging the lawn tractor's battery when a spark from the battery sparked spilled gasoline and almost instantly the fire got out of hand and quickly spread throughout the house.

While the occupants were all able to reach safety, sadly two of the family's cats perished in the fire. The next day Maughan said, "The owner is understandably still quite shaken after what happened. The house will have to be demolished; it's devastating."

Maughan also said that the family members are staying with friends and relatives at the present time.

The Dysart Fire Department responded to the call of a garage fire at 5:25 p.m. on Sunday afternoon. By the time they arrived, the fire had spread across the attic and both the ground and second floors were completely engulfed in flames.

Nineteen firefighters responded from the Dysart fire Department and 12 fire fighters from Minden Hills assisted with the efforts. The fire department was on the scene for five hours on Sunday and returned the next morning to extinguish two remaining hot spots.

The home was covered by insurance and while there has been no need to call for an investigation by the Fire Marshall's office, the insurance company will be making its own investigation into the fire.



Photos by: Barry Wilhelm

THURSDAY



Partly cloudy and seasonably cool
▲ 11° ▼ 1°

FRIDAY



Continued partly cloudy
▲ 12° ▼ 1°

SATURDAY



Sunny to partly cloudy and milder
▲ 14° ▼ 5°

SUNDAY



Continued sunny to partly cloudy
▲ 14° ▼ 5°

MONDAY



Cloudy and a bit cooler with showers
▲ 12° ▼ 6°

TUESDAY



Cloudy with more showers likely
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WEDNESDAY



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Acapulco	31/22/su	32/22/su	31/26/cl	Montego Bay	31/25/pc	31/24/pc	32/27/su
Antigua	31/23/pc	30/22/pc	31/26/su	Nassau	28/21/pc	28/21/pc	31/28/sh
Barbados	32/26/su	32/26/su	31/27/ra	Port au Prince	34/24/ts	34/24/ts	33/26/cl
Bermuda	21/16/ts	21/15/pc	20/16/sh	Puerto Vallarta	28/21/pc	28/19/pc	28/20/pc
Cancun	31/22/ts	32/21/pc	31/23/pc	St. Thomas	29/25/ts	29/24/ts	29/25/pc
Curacao	32/26/pc	33/27/pc	31/27/ts	St. Maarten	29/25/cl	29/24/pc	28/24/ts
Freeport	25/18/su	26/19/pc	30/22/su	San Jose, CR	31/21/ts	30/21/ts	31/21/ra
Georgetown	31/25/ts	31/24/ts	29/23/ts	San Juan	30/23/ts	30/24/ts	29/24/su
Havana	28/19/sh	30/19/pc	34/24/su	San Salvador	33/22/ts	34/23/ts	32/22/su
Key West	26/20/pc	26/21/pc	28/25/pc	Santo Domingo	32/23/ts	32/23/ts	33/26/su
Kingston	31/25/pc	31/24/pc	33/26/pc	Trinidad	36/25/pc	35/24/pc	28/27/ra

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
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Oshawa	13/1/pc	14/2/pc	17/7/pc	16/6/pc	14/7/sh	13/8/sh	12/7/sh
Ottawa	13/0/pc	13/1/pc	14/4/cl	14/4/pc	14/4/cl	13/5/sh	11/4/sh
Toronto	13/1/pc	14/2/pc	17/7/pc	16/6/pc	14/7/sh	13/8/sh	12/7/sh

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today Hi/Lo/Otk	Friday Hi/Lo/Otk	Saturday Hi/Lo/Otk	Sunday Hi/Lo/Otk	Monday Hi/Lo/Otk	Tuesday Hi/Lo/Otk	Wednesday Hi/Lo/Otk
Calgary	17/4/ra	17/3/pc	12/6/su	15/6/pc	18/7/pc	22/8/su	24/8/su
Edmonton	18/6/sh	13/1/sh	13/3/cl	13/4/pc	14/3/pc	16/4/pc	17/6/su
Fredericton	13/5/sh	11/4/sh	7/1/sh	7/1/sh	7/1/pc	8/0/pc	7/0/pc
Halifax	14/7/sh	13/6/sh	8/1/sh	7/1/cl	8/1/pc	8/1/pc	9/1/pc
Montreal	13/1/pc	13/1/pc	13/4/cl	12/3/pc	13/4/cl	12/4/sh	11/3/sh
Regina	24/9/pc	14/3/sh	19/4/pc	18/4/sh	19/4/pc	21/6/su	22/6/su
St. John's	5/1/pc	6/1/pc	3/2/mx	4/2/cl	4/2/pc	4/2/su	6/1/pc
Saskatoon	24/8/su	13/1/sh	18/3/pc	17/2/sh	18/3/pc	20/4/su	21/6/su
Vancouver	14/4/sh	14/6/pc	11/5/pc	13/6/sh	12/6/sh	11/4/sh	13/7/sh
Whitehorse	7/1/cl	9/3/pc	0/7/sn	1/4/cl	2/3/sn	2/6/sn	1/6/cl
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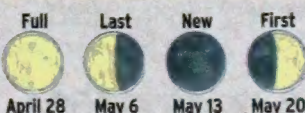
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Sat. 4/24	6:14 a.m./8:11 p.m.	3:56 p.m./3:56 a.m.
Sun. 4/25	6:13 a.m./8:12 p.m.	5:13 p.m./4:21 a.m.
Mon. 4/26	6:11 a.m./8:13 p.m.	6:30 p.m./4:45 a.m.
Tues. 4/27	6:09 a.m./8:15 p.m.	7:47 p.m./5:12 a.m.
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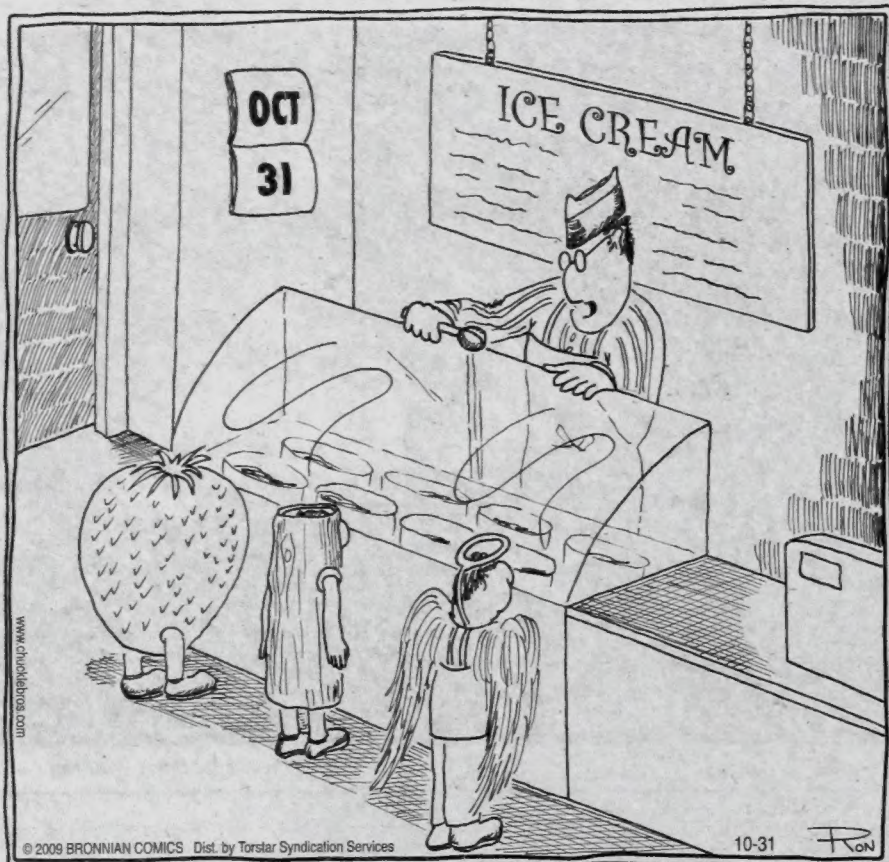
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Letter of the Week

Dear Editor:

"To be clear, this is not about Pharmacy asking for a handout."

As an independent Pharmacist in Haliburton County I want to emphasize the importance of the cutbacks to Pharmacy funding that our Provincial Health Minister is trying to impose. Make no mistake, this bill will not save seniors one cent, and will further decrease access to Health Care services despite what MPP Rick Johnson is telling you. It only shifts the burden onto the elderly and the poor and onto small town drugstores in communities like Haliburton County.

To be clear this is not about Pharmacy asking for a handout. To clarify, it costs pharmacies \$14 for every ODB (Ontario Drug Benefit) prescription dispensed to seniors, when you factor in the costs of wages, technology & other expenses. In return, the province compensates pharmacies \$7. This gap until now has been filled by generic companies through allowances that the government has unfairly labeled as 'kickbacks'. Until now, the province has been more than willing to let the generic companies fit the bill for pharmacy care as it saves them money.

The attempts by the provincial government to characterize this as 'government defending seniors against big pharma businesses' would be laughable in its dishonesty if it were not so potentially devastating. The massive cutbacks are so sweeping that we need to sit up and take notice, given the harm it will inflict on our front line health care & local small town economy. County drugstores employ close to 100 Haliburton County residents, who have mortgages to pay and families to feed.

Just as important, pharmacies represent front line, highly accessible, & highly trained, health professionals that seniors and our community regularly access for professional health advice and service.

If pharmacies are forced to close, or to lay off staff, as a result of this bill, it will only shift the burden of patient care onto other more expensive options (ER rooms & urgent care clinics).

Pharmacies would gladly do away with the misunderstood model of generic allowances if the government would simply replace them with a reasonable alternative.

Make no mistake, the 'Big Businesses' or 'Big Pharma' that the Health Minister claims to be fighting against, she is actually defending. These are the brand name pharma companies that make up 75 percent of overall ODB drug expenditures, who are protected by this bill, or the big financial insurance companies that own and operate employer health plans (whose corporate head offices are based in the GTA), who will save billions, on the backs of front line health care providers, employees of local drugstores and the seniors & poor in rural communities like ours. Seniors need front line care the most, and cannot afford the user fees that these cutbacks would impose.

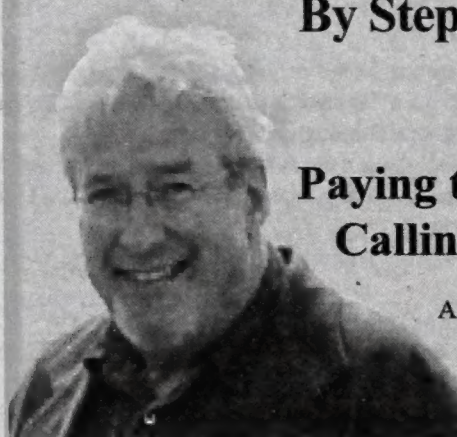
If this bill becomes law pharmacies face three difficult choices: closings, layoffs or user fees. Let us hope that our community does not let this happen. If you are as concerned as I am, please contact our MPP, Rick Johnson, at rjohnson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org.

Peter Meraw
Minden Pharmasave. ■

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Editorial VIEWPOINT

By Stephen Patrick



Paying the Piper: Calling the Tune

A few weeks ago we wrote in this space about the gradual disconnect between public revenues (i.e. taxpayers' money) and the demands for increased spending on public health, prompted by an aging population, among other factors. For

some of our readers any discussion about seeking alternative methods of paying for health care is to give in to the idea of a two-tier system, and along with it, to give up on the idea of universal Medicare. The debate's been with us for well over half a century, and indeed it has often been fuelled by simple ideology: in fact we're among the last western democracies that haven't accepted, officially, some form of public/private medicine.

Officially, that is. Every province has its version of private clinics catering to those who can afford to pay. As well, the super rich, like Newfoundland Premier Danny Williams, and occasionally the simply super desperate, pay thousands upon thousands to buy private care in gilt-edged American clinics. Gradually, however, provincial governments are beginning to make an effort to tackle some costs head-on by flirting with some basic restructuring of the current system. As well, many local and national commentators have started to push for some kind of recognition that the health care system as we know it may be simply unsustainable in the near future. Increased home care for the elderly and the medically disabled, a la the Access Centre initiatives, as well as increased responsibilities for Nurse Practitioners, are seen as essential parts of a leaner, more-efficient and less-costly system.

And now Dalton McGuinty's provincial government has decided to take on the pharmaceutical industry, and indeed, pharmacies themselves, with its plan to outlaw the "Professional Allowances" generic drug companies pay to pharmacies (essentially a subsidy). But "Big Pharma", despite the fact that it's a ready-made fat and useful target for those who question the viability of the so-called global economy, isn't really the villain here, real or imagined. And as our readers are aware, local and national pharmacies are making a strong case that these so-called "Allowances" are essential to their business model: indeed, the pharmacy lobby is taking on the McGuinty Liberals full front and centre, with not-so-veiled threats to close some stores, and to reduce services.

In a letter to the editor this week Peter Meraw, co-owner of Minden's Pharmasave, makes a powerful case for why these "Allowances" should be allowed to continue, and why the government is being less than straightforward in its attempt to discredit "Big Pharma". When a political dispute gets to this level, with full page ads and threats to close businesses and add user fees, you have to assume there will be some compromise. Besides which, it seems to this observer, the sudden change of rules for the pharmacies could well be simply the first step in an across-the-board attempt by the McGuinty Liberals to reduce costs in many other areas of the health system, and they reasoned that an attack on the pharmacies wouldn't occasion any groundswell of public outrage.

They may have been wrong to make that assumption, particularly in rural Ontario. And they may well have a well-thought-out Plan B that will save face for both sides. But what's also interesting is where the government will strike next: doctors' and hospital administrators' salaries, perhaps? Again, that would be an issue that would have significant resonance in the big cities, but not much in smaller communities where these salaries are much closer to local professional norms.

So yet again the rural-city divide in values, perceptions, and priorities may well be ruling the local debate. Just how our MPP, Liberal Rick Johnson, positions himself on these disputes, could well hold the key to his future. ■

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Dear Editor:

Dear Editor:

Re: April 8th issue, Student Drama Class Says No to Bullying

Congratulations to the school, the teacher, and the students in the drama class for having the courage to confront the bullying issue and bring it out in the open. The first, and most important step in dealing with any problem, is to acknowledge that a problem exists. Then, by making others aware of the signs, symptoms, and negative results of bullying, hopefully, people of all ages will respond by challenging these negative behaviours.

Bullying is an act of irresponsible, cruel, and cowardly behaviour, and if society as a whole confronts these behaviours, they will eventually knock down the doors that bullies hide behind. Mr. Kevin Cutler, Superintendent of Safe Schools, is right on track by requesting another performance be presented to the grades seven & eight students from Archie Stouffer School, and since he is in a position to do so, I hope he will encourage other schools to become involved in similar projects. And, if the drama students would be agreeable, it might be a good idea to put on a performance for parents. The more levels of society that get involved in this issue, the better.

Bullying doesn't exist just in schools, it's also in homes and the workplace. If enough people become responsible and involved in dealing with this issue of bullying, society will become a threat to bullies rather than bullies being a threat to society.

Frank Thom
Haliburton. ■

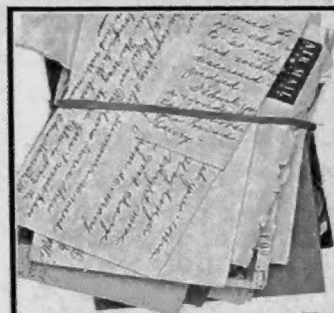
Dear Editor:

"We have amazing resources in this community because people are willing to roll up their sleeves and make things happen."

Thank you for your extensive coverage of the artsVest program and the role of arts, culture and heritage in the community. Hats off to the hard work of many people who have attracted this innovative program to the region. I would like to give some context to a quote attributed to me during the round table discussion at the artsVest forum. We were talking about what attracts people to the area. The quote in last week's article said "Folks don't just come to the area to ATV they come because it's a beautiful place." What I was trying to convey is that people choose to come here to ATV (and to get involved in a wide range of activities) because they are attracted to the beauty of the area. I would also like to add that the considerable efforts of the Haliburton ATV Association to develop, promote and manage trails in this region play a vital role in encouraging people to come to ATV in this beautiful place. We have amazing resources in this community because people are willing to roll up their sleeves and make things happen. Having good trails, accommodations, restaurants, interesting things for people to see and do, intriguing places to visit, libraries, galleries, communities that celebrate culture and heritage, great educational opportunities, good healthcare services, a wide variety of services and volunteers who work tirelessly for the benefit of the community all contribute to the quality of place and to bringing people to Haliburton County to live, work, learn and play.

All the best

Jim Blake, Haliburton ■



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Dear Editor:

"...the Haliburton County Farmers' Market was largely initiated by "locavores" seeking access to locally grown, healthy, eco-friendly food."

I am writing on behalf of the Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association (HCFMA) to thank Minden Hills Council for their progressive and enlightened decision to host the Haliburton County Farmers' Market in Carnarvon as an annual County event and, in so doing, to exempt the Market from their transient trader licensing fee. The Market will be located on a lot beside "That Place in Carnarvon" on HWY 118 just east of Hwy 35 and will be open on Fridays from June 18 – September 10, 1:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Council's decision is responsive to County-wide grassroots interest in having a farmers' market. Indeed, the Haliburton County Farmers' Market was largely initiated by "locavores" seeking access to locally grown, healthy, eco-friendly food. It also recognizes that farmers' markets contribute to economic growth in nearby communities, as research confirms.

The HCFMA is well aware and concerned that economic hardships and difficult conditions are disproportionately high in our County compared to others. We have taken steps to operate in a manner that is respectful and supportive of other businesses in the area as well as offering subsidized table space for not-for-profit organizations and arranging to donate excess foods to SIRCH and other charitable organizations.

I would like to correct two points in the article "Haliburton County Farmers' Market Moves to Carnarvon" in the April 15, 2010, edition of The County Voice.

Contrary to the statement that we will have MyPick verified farmers' from neighbouring counties only at the beginning and end of the Market, we expect to have one or two MyPick farmers throughout the season to offer more variety.

It was suggested that we left Haliburton Village without responding to Dysart Council's request for further information. Dysart Council had requested our revised artisan vendor application guidelines, so they could evaluate our appeal against imposition of the transient trader licensing fee. That information was provided on March 12th in a letter for consideration in their next meeting. From January to April we were in ongoing communication with Dysart Council appealing the transient trader fee.

It should be noted that the HCFMA decision to relocate to Carnarvon was prompted solely by our inability after an exhaustive search to find an affordable space that could accommodate our Market in Haliburton Village. (We acknowledge the support of several Dysart businesses and Murray Fearrey in assisting us in looking for a location in that area.) As we moved into the spring, it became imperative to settle the location issue.

We are grateful to Ed and Sue Yallop, owners of "That Place in Carnarvon", for permitting us to use their space and to Minden Hills Council for their endorsement and support.

Sincerely Yours,

Angel Taylor, Chair
Haliburton County Farmers' Market Association. ■

Dear Editor:

"According to information I have acquired, an application could have been submitted for each tourism, festival, or event."

I noticed funding was granted to the Wilberforce Agricultural Fair in the amount of \$35,000 under Celebrate Ontario.

What amazes me is why our Ward 3 councillor, Donna Graham did not request the same grant for Gooderham Horseshoe Days. The grant supports festivals and events. According to information I have acquired, an application could have been submitted for each tourism, festival or event.

As our councillor she should be taking a proactive approach when it comes to the ward she is suppose to represent, however the opposite is and has been obvious. Promoting tourism, events, and activities is not in her vocabulary. I am appalled at the lack of her Ward 3 representation and makes one wonder why she is running for office in light of what she has "NOT" accomplished for the betterment of Ward 3.

Maryanne Leach ■

Dear Editor:

Re: Old Mill Marina Proposal Faces Opposition

Thank you for writing such a comprehensive article in the County Voice. It covers a vast array of issues surrounding the proposed boat storage, with fairness to the parties involved and we believe that it has allowed many neighbours on Kawagama Lake to now become aware of this proposal which we believe has wide ranging detrimental implications and is precedent setting, if it were to succeed.

The County Voice covered many details which are now part of the public record which is appreciated by all cottagers on Kawagama Lake.

As a result of this article, as other cottagers have become aware, we have received numerous emails indicting that many others on the lake have similar concerns. We are counting on the council of Algonquin Highlands to make the right decision to preserve the forested shore land beauty of the lake on Russell Landing Road and other shore lands in which cottagers reside and which are dedicated in the Official Plan as Rural/Residential areas.

The Russell Landing Road Residents/Cottagers Group (the.russell.landing.road.group@rogers.com) ■

To the Editor:

"The local experience with wolf/people interactions is not unique."

Your editorial of April 15th begs for some significant research on the presence of wolves in our communities. Kim Roberts' letter expresses the need for public knowledge and awareness on the whole question of safety.

The local experience with wolf/people interactions is not unique. I have news clippings and verbal reports from across the country of incidents, the death of two women, one in Banff, Alberta and the other in Nova Scotia, plus the death of many household pets is telling. How many incidents have we not heard about?

In 2005 I published a report on this question. I put on many miles visiting people who have first hand knowledge of the source of this problem. With few exceptions, the people believe the wolf breeding and release program in Algonquin Park started it all.

For those who would like further information, my report is available at the Haliburton Library and at the R.D. Lawrence Centre in Minden.

Lou Hodgson
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Municipal Elections Update

Mackie to Run for Highlands East Reeve

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

While things have been fairly quiet across Haliburton for the past few weeks, the pace of the political contest has suddenly kicked into high gear.

At the moment, the race in Highlands East looks like it could be the most competitive, and two candidates have just filed their papers for the position of reeve. Incumbent Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie, who was elected as Ward 1 councillor in 2006, tossed his name into the ring at almost the same time as Wilberforce's Jack Bartholomew, who is a newcomer to local politics. It is unlikely that these two will be the only ones in the race, as word on the street suggests that incumbent Reeve Dave Burton is still committed to serving the people in his municipality.

The rivalry in Highlands East won't be limited to the position of reeve as the number of candidates running for council continues to climb. While no names have been submitted for Ward 1 (Cardiff) to date, incumbent Suzanne Partridge and Basil Cox, a former Reeve of Faraday Township, have both filed their papers for Ward 2.

Incumbent Donna Graham will be running for the Ward 3 seat again along with political newcomer Cecil Ryall and former Glamorgan Reeve Clerk Beverly McDuff. The picture in Highlands East is rounded off with incumbent Gary Stoughton facing competition from enthusiastic newcomer Joan Barton.

Individuals who are giving consideration to filing their papers for the position of reeve in Dysart et al have been holding back, likely waiting for a move by long standing and well seasoned Reeve Murray Fearrey, who told the Voice recently that he will make his decision within the next several weeks.

Bob Nichol has stepped up to the plate and is running for the position of deputy reeve in Dysart. Nichol, who has previous experience on the Dysart Council, will likely have competition in the form of the present Deputy Reeve Bill Davis. While Davis has yet to file his papers, he hasn't been shy in suggesting his intentions of running again for a position that he has held for many years.

Joining Nichol in the race for seats on the Dysart Council are Rex Henry and Dennis Casey running for Ward 2 (Casey would also bring previous Council experience), Val Craftchick for Ward 4 and Martin Lacey for Ward 5.

Long standing Reeve Jim McMahon has filed his papers to retain his seat in Minden Hills and so far has been joined by incumbents Deputy Reeve Cheryl Murdoch, who is running again for the position of Deputy Reeve, and Councillor Lisa Schell for her seat in Ward 1. Political newcomers Craig Birchall and Richard Bradley have both tossed their names into the hat for the Ward 2 council position, but anyone considering entering the race in either Ward 1 or Ward 3 continues to hold their cards very close to the chest.

Finally, all is strangely quiet in Algonquin Highlands. Both Reeve Eleanor Harrison and Councillor Diane Griffin, who have each served for many years in the area, have announced that they have no intention of running again for seats in the municipality and while there has been no word from incumbents Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner and Councillor Don Shortreed, rumours abound that Councillor Carol Moffatt is the most likely candidate to move up the ladder and take on additional responsibility. Moffatt, who is presently on holiday, is another candidate who is giving very careful consideration to her next move.

So stay tuned as things continue to heat up. As a number of the lake associations across the county plan to invite candidates to their annual general meetings, more names are sure to come out of the woodwork soon. ■

Haliburton Youth Receives Equestrian Bursary

Emma McKnight of Haliburton is the recipient of a 2010 Ontario Equestrian Federation (OEF) Youth Bursary.

The Ontario Equestrian Federation is proud to offer a minimum of five bursaries of \$1,000 annually to junior equestrians to help them achieve their horseback riding goals. The recipients are awarded the bursaries based on their current involvement with horses and their future goals, as well as letters of recommendation from their respective coaches. Family resources and academic achievements are also considered.

The bursaries can be used towards riding lessons, clinics, competition fees, continuing education, or other activities that will assist the recipients to reach their equestrian objectives for 2010. The OEF Youth Committee would like to commend all of the bursary applicants on their exceptional applications and announce that thirteen bursaries were awarded.

Emma attends Haliburton Highlands Secondary School and is a hardworking student who works for her coach. She helps with all aspects of the stable including mucking stalls, bringing in hay, grooming and preparing horses for competitions. She is also very keen on learning about training, coaching and shoeing. Emma recently bought a new horse that she is planning to work with over the summer. Her goal is to become a veterinarian.

For more information about the OEF Youth Bursary please visit www.horse.on.ca. The Ontario Equestrian Federation is the umbrella organization committed to equine welfare and providing leadership and support to the individuals, associations and industries in Ontario's horse community. Ontario is the 4th largest horse industry in North America with a horse population estimated at more than 375,000. ■

Arts Council Gala: Apocalyptic – and Fun!

The Arts Council ~ Haliburton Highlands is thrilled to be hosting the Annual Arts Honours Gala for a fourth year. The popular event, taking place on Saturday, May 1 at the Haliburton Legion, is again celebrating the arts, its supporters and the achievements of our incredibly talented local artists. As in previous years honours presentations will be made to the top nominees in five categories: Youth Artist; Emerging Artist; Arts Supporter; Founder; Artist of Distinction.

Choosing a theme for an arts gala is always a creative challenge. How do you keep it current, relate it to the arts and keep the feeling celebratory? This year the Gala organizers wanted to embrace a "green" aesthetic with emphasis on recycling, repurposing and reuse but at the same time create something less cliché, more contemporary and more than a little edgy. They started by imagining a near future, post-apocalyptic world where in order to create something new one must repurpose, a world where the only choice is clever use of found materials. Is 'After the Apocalypse' a little dark for a celebration of the arts? Perhaps, but with the emphasis on creativity, the art of something from nothing, and a fresh approach the committee is confident it will be sleek and sexy as well.

Also new this year is the après-show entertainment. Featuring a bluesy mix of classic and original material Haliburton's own Ragged Company invites attendees to dance the night away.

In addition to honouring and celebrating artists, the Gala will again take on a fundraising role. Even as demand for vital Arts Council programs like Artists-in-the-Schools and Visible Voices grows, funding has become increasingly difficult to secure. To help fill the gap the Gala organizers are focusing their fundraising efforts on sponsorship. Chris Lynd, Celebrations Committee chair explains, "with a goal of \$2,500 we are hoping individuals and businesses will recognize the value of the arts to the entire community and offer their support as Gala sponsors."

According to Andy Campbell, Executive Director of the HCDC, "The Arts Honours Gala is an important way to recognize and honour the contributions of our area artists, arts organizations and businesses, and supporters. They are vital to the economic health, vibrancy and vitality of the entire Haliburton Highlands community. In addition to honouring these individuals and groups the Gala is also an event where business and the arts have the opportunity to connect."

Last year tickets to the event sold out early. To reserve tickets or to inquire about sponsoring the event please contact the Arts Council office at 705-457-8033. ■

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Auctions Sales Proposed for the Stanhope Airport

Auctioneer Sends Mixed Messages

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Last week Auctioneer Norm Mills had a proposal for the Algonquin Highlands Council's consideration to hold periodic auctions during the Stanhope Airport fly-in events during the summer months. While Council agreed in principal to allow the auctions to take place for a one year trial, Mills presentation took a somewhat unusual turn as he chose to make allegations that Council found somewhat difficult to address.

Mills, who has been doing auctions for 28 years, told Council that he has had his Minden Auction Barn up for sale for some time and, while it could take up to a year for the property to sell, he would be moving to a new Airport Road location where he would be providing security systems and running a Bed and Breakfast in the future.

As a lead in to his presentation Mills spoke of his involvement with the Stanhope Airport Committee for 15 years, since the development of the new proposed runway got under discussion. He also said that he had two properties on Little Hawk Lake and had been very involved in the municipality.

Mills suggested that airport awareness and promotion blended in quite well with the idea of holding auctions during the fly-ins, but also said, "There are lots of locations to do this or not do it, and if works out that would be fine, if not that's fine too. Easy come, easy go," as if it mattered little whether Council approved his proposal.

"In consideration, I would be prepared to make a donation for the use of the commercial property. I like percentages and I usually charge from 20 to 25 percent, sometimes 18 percent on bigger ticket items. It's up to you."

Mills said he would need electricity for his cash register, but that storage would be his responsibility. "I'm thinking that the workshop that MNR used would be good for a cashier to stay out of the wind and offer a corner for folks to get their bid cards and sign in and out. That would be an ideal location."

Mills suggested that the auction itself could be held on the strip at the north end where aircraft drove into the hangers. He also said that the auctions would involve a quick set up and tear down, and security concerns would be minimal. "For 28 years I have had no security problems at the barn. Liability, as usual, would be the key issue."

While he had spoken with his insurance company, Mills said he hadn't had a response, but he also said he usually carries a million dollar liability policy on his property. "I'm not sure if it's transferrable, but it's never been an issue when doing auctions on other properties."

At that point, Mills said he had been speaking with Councillor Carol Moffatt unofficially about holding auctions on special event days. "There might be special event insurance that could cover things from the municipality's point."

In his discussions with Moffatt, Mills said that the idea that "The Stanhope Committee and Norm Mills bring you....." could be used as a promotional tool.

According to Mills the frequency of his auctions, which used to number as high as 30 a year, had diminished to only several occasions a year. But he also said that doing the odd auction in conjunction with the fly-ins would be great, even there would be a bit of noise from the aircraft to interrupt the proceeds from time to time.

Councillor Don Shortreed, who for years has been very involved in the airport and sits on the Airport Committee, said that the idea

had been discussed at the committee level where members had agreed that the auctions could promote activity and bring more aircraft to the fly-ins.

Mills raised the subject of the cook shack and its use during the auctions and offered to pay the volunteers.

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said that she had some concerns about the idea, particularly until the matter of insurance was sorted out, whether that was done by Mills or the municipality. "We'll have to check this out. We do have event insurance, and you would have to work with the committee to resolve the matter of the volunteers that assist with the snack bar. They are volunteers and do not work for us. My biggest concern is liability."

Clerk Angie Bird commented that in the past the municipality's insurer had made it clear that if another group tagged onto an event, they had to be an active participant in the actual fly-in."

Harrison said, "That might be why the committee is suggesting that the auctions be offered by both the Stanhope Airport Committee and Norm Mills."

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner suggested that the issue came down to a business operating on municipal property. "There needs to be some kind of formal arrangement made. If payment comes in the form of a donation and we don't know what that is, that would open us up to other requests. I would rather set a standard rate."

Mills said, "What about five percent or a minimum of \$100.00," adding that sometimes there are good auctions and sometimes there aren't.

Harrison suggested that Mills work with Airport Manager John Packer and the Airport Committee. She asked, "Is there a general feeling that if liability insurance is in place and a fee is set, that Council would approve?"

The Council members concurred that they would be amenable to trying it out for a year and see how things went. At the same time, CAO Juanita Dempster commented that, as the proposal wasn't particularly time sensitive, it would allow the municipality an opportunity to check a number of things out like how holding auctions would conform to zoning and the possible impacts from this type of event. Gardner agreed that it would be a good idea for the CAO and Clerk to look into all aspects of the proposal.

Mills, who had prefaced his presentation with an offhand comment about political correctness, then said that he had some touchy comments to make. He said that he knew both the past and present Editor of the Haliburton Echo well and had asked them if they knew that Napier Simpson (who with his brother Peter co-owns considerable property in Stanhope) had a runway on his property.

Things got fairly quiet, as Mills went on to voice his disappointment that "local organizations seem to love controversy and sensationalization, in order bring attention to their own organizations."

Harrison, obviously surprised at the comment, said that that Council had been unaware of that fact. Although Mills suggested that his comments were off the record, Harrison cautioned him and said that he was not off the record given that he was attending an open and public meeting attended by reporters. Mills concluded his comments by saying, "I just wanted to let you know that Simpson has a runway on his property."

Napier Simpson, who is the Vice President of the Maple Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association, an association involved in trying to put a halt to the proposed Stanhope Airport expansion, later confirmed that his brother Peter is a pilot who owns a Piper Super Cub. "We have an airstrip," Simpson readily responded to the question from the Voice. "It's a flat field on our lower farm; an airstrip cut on the grass."

Referring to Mills inference of hypocrisy given that the family owns an aircraft and has a strip on their land while he fights development at the airport, Simpson said, "I see no hypocrisy and I have never suggested that people shouldn't fly in the area. We have a farm property and there are no legal requirements about a grass strip on a farm. This is a field that my brother mows. What makes it an air strip is that he puts up a windsock from time to time and there are no laws or rules, either federally or provincially that prevents you from doing that."

Simpson confirmed that the grass strip is used during the changeover season from floats to wheels. He also said that the strip had been in place for about 10 years, and that its presence might even increase his brother's use of the Stanhope Airport as he lands there for fuel.

MBC President Paul MacInnes suggested that Mills comments were an effort in 'purposeful confusion' and Simpson said that he personally had a difficulty with a municipality that promoted an extremely poor business 'vision' at considerable cost to local taxpayers, rather than instituting a solid business plan and at this point in time, he had no intention of changing his position. ■

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These services are particularly important to the most vulnerable members of our society: the elderly, persons with chronic illnesses and persons with visual or cognitive impairments. In rural communities like our own where doctors must carry a high patient load and cover a large geographical area, pharmacists' services are especially important.

If you value the services of community pharmacies in this province, we desperately need your support.

This week Mr. McGuinty and Health Minister Deb Mathews announced a bill that will introduce **massive, devastating, funding cuts to Ontario's retail pharmacies.**

Let's be clear on one thing: pharmacists are not asking for a government handout. The government pays us less in dispensing fees than it costs us to dispense the medications we provide. Until now those losses have been sustainable only because generic companies have supported us through alternative funding called professional allowances. These allowances are an important reason why we are able to hire employees, pay off small business loans, provide quality patient care and yes at the end of the day, make a living. The government regulates and audits them and we are required by provincial law to use them for direct patient care. Because of them, we are able to offer you many professional services for free, services the government may take for granted, but our patients certainly do not. Perhaps most importantly, they allow us to continue to provide the kind of quality health care only a community pharmacist can deliver. By restricting legitimate small business in Ontario, this bill hurts patients.

If this bill becomes law independent pharmacists, especially in rural areas, will be threatened. Many stores will have to lay off employees or close altogether. User fees will be commonplace. If we do nothing and allow this government to pass this bill, your pharmacy of the future may be a busy "big box" store, many kilometers away.

Most importantly, the quality of your health care will be reduced.

As Ontarians who value the quality of our health and the most vulnerable members of our families; the sick, elderly, and young; we cannot let this happen.

What can people do? We urge everyone concerned to get involved. Contact your MPP, Mr. Rick Johnson (rjohnson.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org - 705-324-6654). In addition write directly to the Health Minister Deb Mathews (dmathews.mpp.co@liberal.ola.org - 519-432-7339 and Premier McGuinty (www.premier.gov.on.ca). Let them know that you and your family depend on the front line services your pharmacy provides. Let them know that the changes proposed will compromise patient care in the province. Let them know you stand with community pharmacies.

We need your help now, and we need it badly. Time is running out.

Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

Peter Meraw

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Minden Pre-schoolers get Free Dental Screenings

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist

The Haliburton, Kawartha, Pine Ridge District Health Unit was in Minden on April 14th to provide free dental screening to pre-schoolers. Registered Dental Hygienist, Sue Hochu, performed visual dental check-ups on children at the Minden Ontario Early Years Centre while staff fulfilled the role of an enthusiastic cheering section.

Although a small number of kids approached the affair with some trepidation, most youngsters enjoyed the attention, hugs and praise that were integral components of the screening. It appeared that the exercise was a positive introduction to life-long dental care.

The screening clinic for pre-school children coincides with Oral Health Month in April, and is also meant to assist with the rising cases of Early Childhood Tooth Decay (ECTD) in the area. Based on dental screening done by Health Unit staff during the 2008/2009 school year, approximately 17 per cent of Junior Kindergarten and Senior Kindergarten students in Haliburton County and the City of Kawartha Lakes have experienced ECTD.

The Health Unit has been promoting the importance of families to book a first dental visit for their young children by their first birthday. Anna Rusak, a Health Promoter with the HKPR District Health Unit, says, "A first dental visit is not so much a check up, as a check in with a dental professional."



Sophia Hobson breezes through her check-up.
(given by registered dental hygienist, Sue Hochu)



Emily Graves gets reassurance from staff member Robin Hewitt.

Haliburton County Earth Day Family Festival

The Flag is Flying!

At noon on April 20, the Earth Day Flag was hoisted in Minden at the pole in the Village Green. Minden Hills is hosting this year's festival which will be held at the Minden Hills Cultural Centre on April 24 from 1-4pm.

The flag is the official Earth Day Canada flag since our local festival is part of the Canada Earth Day program. Commonly held on April 22, Earth Day is the largest, most celebrated environmental event worldwide. More than 6 million Canadians join 500 million people in over 180 countries to focus on local environmental issues.

On April 22, at 2pm there will be a presentation at R.D. Lawrence Place about Sustainable Building, the rest of the events will be held on April 24.

The day kicks off with the 3rd annual Minden Makeover, lead by Environment Haliburton volunteers. Please bring your own gloves, bags will be provided, and the volunteers doing the clean-up will meet at R.D. Lawrence Place at 11 am. The rest of the schedule for this fantastic day is below. Our emcee for the event will be Rick Lowes from Moose FM. ■



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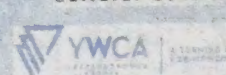
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Highland East - Promotes ATV's ... from pg 1

riders on the trails did not necessarily have to be HATVA members and that anyone could ride on crown land. But he cautioned that permits would be required for riders on private land based on the agreements that the association has in place with the land owners. "Our contract is broad enough to pick up members and non members as well as land owners whether we have an agreement with them or not. We don't kick people off the trails. We simply advise that it is a requirement of the land owners to have a permit."

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie asked Christensen for his thoughts on 2-ups and if they should be allowed on township roads, but Christensen responded that discussions with the OPP indicated that at present 2-ups aren't legal on the roads. However, he said, "The Ministry of Transportation has hired a consultant to consider 2-ups as at the present time they aren't considered an ATV under Bill 316. ATV's are designed to carry one person so even if one person is on a 2-up, technically they could be charged."

Christensen said it may take as long as a couple of years for MTO to make any change and that only pressure from 'folks like yourselves' would be able to get the legislation moving.

Mackie said, "I have looked at this and it's my feeling that if someone is buying a 2-up they're likely looking for a family machine and family outings. They tend to be much more law abiding"

Christensen agreed, saying, "When two people are on a machine, everyone tends to be more careful." He also said that in many provinces 2-ups are legal and that Ontario has been the slowest to move on their legislation.

Council passed a resolution agreeing that HATVA users be allowed on the rail trails and all unopened road allowances within Highlands East for the next year.

The next delegation came in the form of Bancroft's Detachment Commander, Staff Sergeant Barry Freeburn who was accompanied by Shift Sergeant Andrew Creaser. Reeve Dave Burton advised

the officers that the Council wished to discuss ATV's and, in particular, 2-ups. Right away, Freeburn commented, "That's an easy one as the provincial act prohibits 2-ups."

Freeburn confirmed the definition of an ATV as having four wheels, the rider must be able to straddle the seat and only one person was allowed on the vehicle. He said, "People have to be careful what they buy as machines are being sold that carry more than one person."

Freeburn also advised that should any ATV designed to hold only one party have an additional seat added, it would be considered to be altered and no longer be legal. Freeburn advised that the OPP had offered an educational period after the legislation came into place, but said, "That period is over and we have a zero tolerance policy and are in the enforcement period now."

He also cautioned Council that municipalities are being involved in a number of lawsuits. "If something happens on a municipal roadway, the municipality is involved in the lawsuit and that is causing some pressure."

Councillor Gary Stoughton commented that the four wheel population had tripled. He grumbled, "If I want to go four wheeling I have to truck my machine for miles or take the chance that you guys won't catch me on the road."

Freeburn said, "That sort of activity catches up with people. A large number of accidents aren't reported and the population of ATV users has outpaced our ability to police them, but that pendulum will come back."

Freeburn commented that the seriousness of accidents had also been increasing involving speed, careless use and children being allowed to use the machines, among other things. "We must look at the entire issue as a society,"

"We have been told that ATV's are outselling snow machines ten to one and we're getting calls from municipalities that are considering allowing them, but I've been warning them that they could be opening a Pandora's box, because you have to have the ability to maintain and monitor your trails."

Stoughton argued that the activity was good for the area and Highlands East needs the business. While Freeburn agreed that tourism and forestry are the primary industries in the area, he stressed the fact that one of the problems is that the infrastructure is not there to support the activity.

Freeburn commented that where land agreements exist insurance covers any problems. "We have to try to get these vehicles off the roadways. If you are mixing ATV's with a vehicle like a dump truck, the ATV's will lose every time."

Christensen, who had remained to listen to the OPP, commented that his club was trying very hard to be responsible corporate citizens by creating maps, maintaining the trails, establishing agreements with land owners and maintaining five million dollar liability insurance policies. Having said that he said, "We welcome the support of the police and will pass on your comments that tolerance levels are over. We want to reduce the renegades as much as you do."

In response to concerns about machines being sold that can't be used, Freeburn said that the OPP has had some trouble educating local sales people. "It's important that the industry steps up, comes on side and educates people."

Later in the meeting, Council discussed whether they wanted to proceed to promote the use of 2-ups. It was agreed that the resolution passed, supporting the use of 2-ups on municipal roads, be sent to the Eastern Ontario Warden's Caucus, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario, to the offices of MP Barry Devolin and MPP Rick Johnson and be distributed to all municipalities in the province asking for their support.

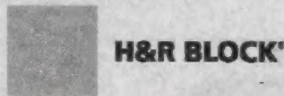
Partridge asked that a letter be included in the requests for support providing the Council's rationale that 2-ups support outdoor activities and increased tourism opportunities for families. ■

>> **"We must look at the entire issue as a society." (OPP Staff Sergeant Barry Freeburn)** <<

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Feds, Province give \$500,000 to Algonquin Highlands' Moorelands Community Services

Local MP Barry Devolin, on behalf of the Government of Canada and local MPP Rick Johnson, on behalf of the Government of Ontario, announced earlier this month a total of \$511,092 in funding for Moorelands Community Services.

The money will be used to build a new recreation centre, upgrade their sports field and basketball courts and renovate six of their camper cabins.

"I am proud today to be jointly announcing funding for a project that will get shovels in the ground, jobs created, and enable this organization to enhance its services for years to come," said Devolin. "Through Canada's Economic Action Plan, our government has announced an historic number of projects to help strengthen our communities, including here on Lake Kawagama near Dorset."

"Today's investment in the Moorelands Wilderness Camp is yet again another demonstration of the McGuinty government's commitment to strengthening our communities' not-for-profit sector in this riding," said Johnson. "This investment will not only help deliver valued community services, help create jobs, and stimulate our local economy, but will also improve the quality of life for the children and youth visiting the camp."

Moorelands Community Services has been working with Toronto's children and youth affected by poverty since 1912. Over the years, the organization's programs have evolved to meet the social, recreational and economic needs of the day. Today, they focus exclusively on children and youth living in poverty.

Moorelands Camp (established in 1917) in the Algonquin Highlands is operated throughout the summer and now provides year-round support through their City Programs (after-school, leadership, city summer day camp).

The Governments of Canada and Ontario and Moorelands Community Services are each investing one-third of the total project cost. Canada's funding is part of its new national Infrastructure Stimulus Fund, under Canada's Economic Action Plan unveiled in January 2009. Ontario's matching contribution is provided through the 2009 Ontario Budget - Confronting the Challenge: Building Our Economic Future.

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New Energy for a Minden Hills Economic Development Master Plan

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

"This is the sort of approach we were talking about two years ago."
(Reeve Jim McMahon)

One of the delegations to the Minden Hills Council last week was like a breath of fresh air, offering assistance where none was expected. Kate Hall, who holds a Masters degree in Rural Planning and Development, proposed a new alternative in economic development planning for Council's consideration.

"I understand that for the last couple of years, Council has been interested in developing an economic development master plan, but despite all good intentions it hasn't materialized for a number of reasons including other priorities that have come to the fore and financial constraints," Hall said, adding that she had an option to offer.

In partnership with David Douglas, Professor Emeritus in Rural Planning and Development from the University of Guelph, who has 40 years experience in the field, Hall expressed an interest in working with Council to complete the master plan over the next year. Initially she proposed to offer Council a half day workshop to systematically review and update their needs and interests, to revisit the terms of reference and update them to reflect current and changing conditions in the community and to discuss the development planning process.

Hall, who has 17 years experience as a community development planner, and Douglas offered their professional time for the workshop free of charge, with the exception of recovering transportation costs. She proposed that the workshop be held in either July or August. She also proposed that the updated terms of reference could then be used to re-test the waters for federal or provincial support of the municipality's plan of action and to secure funding to proceed.

Hall also suggested that if Council decided to re-open the bidding process on the development of a master plan, she and Douglas would prepare a proposal and submit it to the competitive process on behalf of Council. She also proposed engaging up to six qualified graduate students in the Rural

Planning and Development Program at the University of Guelph, to work with them on the project in two to three month internships.

According to Hall the students in the program have top level research skills to offer as well as practical experience to draw from. She suggested that by involving graduate students in the project the municipality would get much greater value for their investment. She also said that during the workshop she and Douglas would be able to 'bring some new ideas to the table, present some field observations on best practices that would guide the approach to the project, and present an innovative community capacity method for a sustainable economic development process in Minden Hills.'

Hall said that she truly believed that an economic development plan was important for the community. Acknowledging that a plan would act as a guiding document in decision making, she asked Council for their thoughts on how they proposed to move forward.

Councillor Bill Obee thanked Hall for bringing this new approach forward. "I think this has great possibilities," he said, suggesting that several members of Council meet with Hall and speak with the Haliburton County Development Corporation regarding their possible involvement.

Obee recommended Councillor Barb Reid's involvement given her previous experience and said that he too would be willing to investigate taking this new direction. Reid agreed.

Councillor Peter Oyler said, "I think that the idea is solid. There's only one problem at the present time." Oyler was adamant that as no funding had been allocated for an economic development master plan when Council discussed the issue earlier in the year that 'procedurally Council's hands are tied this year.' Oyler quickly added that wouldn't preclude Council from doing some ground work.

Reeve Jim McMahon commented that this was the sort of approach Council had been talking about two years ago rather than a hundred thousand dollar plan. "I would like to see this kept going."

Hall simply said that she would wait to hear from Council. ■

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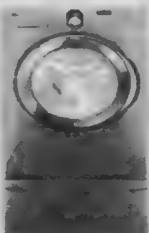
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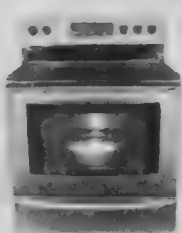
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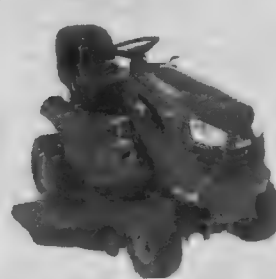
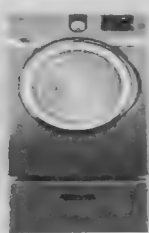
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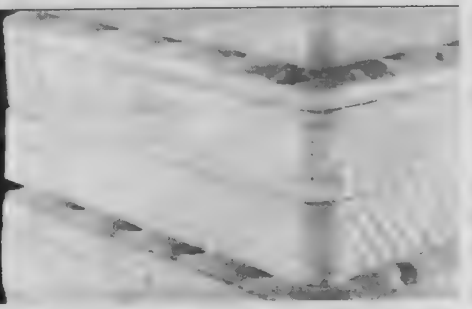
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Art and Artists On the Lanes

Lyn Winans
Photojournalist



Dance arts applied to bowling.

This past Saturday the Arts Council hosted its first-ever bowl-a-thon event to support Artists in the Schools. The program enables local elementary students valuable opportunities to learn from artists who live in their community.

During the 2009- 2010 school year, 11 local artists are providing 100 sessions in 18 classes for 365 students in all five Haliburton County elementary schools, thereby giving students a chance to participate in art activities that they might not otherwise engage in.

Ceramic artists, puppeteers, actors, musicians, dancers, painters, sculptors, print-makers, percussionists, jewellery artists, storytellers, artist blacksmiths, glass blowers, and fabric artists have all designed and delivered sessions for the students. The cost to each student is limited to approximately \$9.60 per session. Sponsorship for one class for six sessions is \$1,200.

Saturday's bowl-a-thon was completely sold out and participating teams raised just over \$5,000.00 in support of Artists in the Schools. Arts Council Marketing Associate and event organizer Mark Arike said, "We had a phenomenal turnout and our bowlers did incredibly well in collecting pledges. It was great to see artists as well as strong supporters of the arts all gather under the same roof, for a great time and a worthy cause."

"Val and Andy Lennox, owners of the Fast Lane, did a great job in looking after all of the bowlers' needs and requests and their help in getting the event off the ground was also invaluable. I've had the pleasure of dropping in on some of the classes this year at local public schools, and once you do that you really see how excited the students are and how engaged they become with their instructors."

In addition to team pledges, funds were raised through raffles and door prizes, and not surprisingly, some lucky winners took home pieces created by local artists Erin Lynch, April Gates, Lisa Barry and Sheila Ziman.

Anyone interested in supporting the Artists in the Schools can call 705-457-8033 for more information. ■

Fundraiser for those devastated by Chile Earthquake

Zoe Cittern
Staff Reporter

Students from the Haliburton School of the Arts rallied together last Saturday to hold a silent auction and bake sale to raise money for the victims of the Chile Earthquake.

The charity Oxfam Canada is currently in the South American country after the February 27th earthquake which left more than 400 dead. The president of Chile estimated that two million people had been affected in some way. Oxfam is working in three of the worst affected communities, distributing buckets and hygiene kits and supporting hygiene awareness activities to benefit 3,000 people.

Last Saturday's event which was held at Fleming College in Haliburton, was student led with the student council deciding to coincide the event with their end of term sale to bolster attention.

Glassblowing, jewellery arts and visual and creative arts students were all selling their works of arts, and, in fact, students from across the college, along with members of the community, donated their art to be auctioned in the silent auction. Combined with the bake sale, they managed to raise \$885.

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It's Earth Day today (Thursday, April 22nd) do you have any plans for celebrating it? Are you planning to go to the Earth Day celebrations at the R.D. Lawrence Place on Saturday? What do you think about the possible move to start an Earth Day festival across the townships in the County?



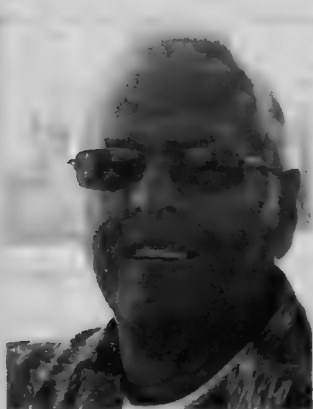
Brian Kipping, Haliburton



Howard Roberts, Haliburton

We'll be opening the cottage on Saturday so unfortunately we won't be able to attend the celebrations. However the festival idea is perfect for our community, people choose to live here because it's beautiful and because it's so beautiful it brings people to the area which helps the economy so it only seems right to celebrate.

I don't take part in too many activities so I don't think I'll be doing anything. I'll just be appreciating my time spent enjoying the lovely weather we're having. I think it's a fine idea to create awareness for such an important day.



Jim Beckford, West Guilford

I don't have any plans; I'll just be enjoying the day by the lake. I think it's a good idea, Minden is very innovative in starting the festival and I wish them well. It seems very appropriate to hold the festival at the R.D. Lawrence Place. I'll try and get to the celebrations on Saturday.



Jutta Dombrowsky,
Gooderham

I'll just be celebrating cleaning up my yard! It sounds like a great idea to celebrate. It will bring lots of people to the community which will bring in money for the community. It's nice how events can bring people together like that.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Warming Rivers

The annual mean temperatures of 20 rivers and streams in the United States have gotten significantly warmer over the past decades, according to a new report. The University of Maryland ecologists and hydrologists who conducted the study say the warming can impact the biodiversity of the waterways. Writing in the journal *Frontiers in Ecology and the Environment*, the researchers say that the "urban heat island" effect from concrete, asphalt and other materials is responsible for some warming of rivers such as the Colorado, Potomac, Delaware and Hudson. But they say climate change is also a factor. David Secor of the university's Chesapeake Biological Laboratory says Maryland's Patuxent River has warmed by 3 degrees Fahrenheit since 1939. "It's both surprising and remarkable that so many diverse river systems in North America behaved in concert with respect to warming," Secor said.

Barrier Reef Scar

Australian authorities arrested the crew of a Chinese freighter for gouging a two-mile scar across the Great Barrier Reef after taking an illegal shortcut across the World Heritage Site. Prime Minister Kevin Rudd called the grounding of the *Shen Neng I*, which also leaked about two tons of fuel oil, an "absolute outrage." In some areas, all marine life has been completely flattened and the structure of the shoal has been pulverized by the weight of the vessel, according to the Great Barrier Reef's chief scientist, David Wachenfeld. It may take decades to recover from the type of paint that scraped off the *Shen Neng I*. The "anti-fouling" chemicals in the paint designed to prevent barnacles and other marine life from building up are now poisoning coral.

Glacial Tsunami

A huge chunk of glacial ice crashed into a lake in the Peruvian Andes, generating a 75-foot tsunami that swept into three nearby towns, killing at least one person. The ice block from a glacier on Hualcán glacier was estimated to have been the size of four soccer fields when it hit the lake about 200 miles north of Lima. Peruvian officials point to climate change for the disaster, and for the loss of 22 percent of the country's glaciers over the past 35 years. Peru is home to about 70 percent of Earth's tropical glaciers, which feed hydroelectric plants and provide drinking water.

Apes in Peril

The U.N. warns that gorillas could become extinct across much of Africa's Congo River Basin within 10 to 15 years due to illegal logging, mining and demand for meat of the primates. U.N. Environment Program officer Christian Nellemann also points to armed conflict and outbreaks of Ebola as other fatal influences on the ape population. The rain forests of central Africa have long been a refuge for gorillas and other apes. But human intrusion and its resulting environmental degradation are finally reaching primate habitats in what was once known by Europeans as deepest and darkest Africa.

Eruption Resumes

Iceland's Eyjafjallajökull volcano was calming down before a sudden blast of renewed activity sent hundreds of people fleeing. A huge plume of ash blowing southeastward prompted aviation authorities to shut down all air traffic in Scandinavia and Britain, as well as other countries, for the first time in history. The volcanic field initially began spewing foun-

tains of lava above the snow-covered Icelandic landscape on March 20. Heat from the lava of the latest eruption quickly began to trigger snowmelt and runoff, posing a threat of local flooding. The eruption has also created an unexpected tourist boom for a country that has suffered from a severely collapsed economy and acutely high unemployment numbers.

Earthquakes

More than 600 people died and 9,000 others were injured during a 6.9 magnitude temblor centered in western China's Qinghai Province.

A sharp undersea earthquake centered just off the Solomon Islands caused damage and injuries in a remote tribal village near the epicenter.

Earth movements were also felt in Taiwan, northern New Zealand, southern Spain, south-central Alaska and along the Mexico-California border.

Fatal Flight of Passion

The airborne mating frenzy of two Alaskan bald eagles left the pair jammed beak first into two feet of hard snow pack on Easter Sunday after the birds apparently became lost in the passion of the moment. The male eagle was killed on impact near Valdez, but the female survived and was being treated in Anchorage. "They just lose track of what they're doing and don't know how close they are to the ground," said Bob Benda, a bird rescuer and biology professor at Prince William Sound Community College. "It's raging hormones or something." Mating season is in full swing for the majestic birds, who perform an elaborate ritual in which they clasp talons and spiral toward the ground. Most snap out of it before crashing.

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Spacious 4 season-5 B.R. lakefront family cottage/home on popular Haliburton Lake. Excellent rental property. Large (.88 ac), level, private lot w/southern exp. & 179 ft. of sensational sand beach. Lots of room for a garage. Interior boasts warm pine summ, lg kit w/breakfast bar, open concept DR & LR, games/recrm w/pool table, wraparound decking, hot tub. Completely furnished! Great neighbourhood of homes and cottages home, rental or home business location.

**Denise LeBlanc**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 33**All Brick Bungalow - \$199,900**

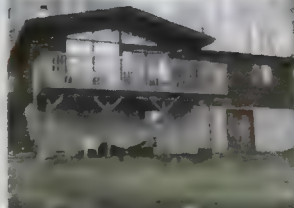
This will kept solid brick bungalow is conveniently located minutes from Minden w/year round access & Minden Lake access close by. 3 Bdrms, 2 baths and features oak kitchen w/ceramics, 2 propane fireplaces, full finished basement, propane hot water tank, & attached garage. Recent upgrades include shingles, septic, windows & exterior doors. Set on almost 1 ACRE and a big private backyard, hot tub & above ground pool. Call to have a look.

**Minden Village - \$168,500**

Located in Minden Village this bright & sunny home awaits you. On the main floor you will find kitchen, dining/living, 4 pc bath, 2 good sized bedrms and a wonderful screened in porch. The bright and dry basement has 1 bdrm, 2 pc bath, family/den & lg work room with utility & laundry. Features include shingles, siding, water heater & sump pump new in 2008. Add to this a great back yard to play or plant your garden in. Call Denise

**Fred Chapple**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 43**North Pigeon Lake - \$249,500**

Spacious three bedroom Cottage, fully winterized for four season use. Wonderful big lake view with southern exposure. Docking and access to Pigeon Lake across Deep Bay road. Featuring a stone fireplace in the living room, sauna, large hot tub and a detached workshop/garage with sundeck above. Very private four acre property. Newly shingled roof. Excellent fishing, boating and swimming await!!

**South Lake - \$269,500**

Spacious open concept Viceroy Cottage on popular South Lake. Year round access. Full basement, large deck and fully winterized for four season enjoyment. Conveniently located to Minden and only 2 1/2 hours to the GTA!

**Geoff Bunn**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 242**Beech River - \$309,900**

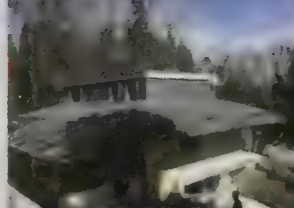
Four season residential home on Beech River with boating into a 3 lake chain that includes Boshkung, Little Boshkung and Twelve Mile. The lot is very private and at the end of a township maintained road. The Beech River hiking trail is just steps away. The house is a 3+1 bedroom, 2 bath house, screened in porch, full finished walk out basement. In a great area with easy access to amenities.

**Eagle Lake Home - \$239,900**

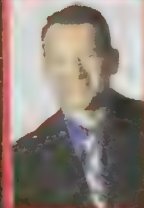
Close to public access on Eagle Lake, shopping and skiing. Well cared for and charming 1 1/2 storey - 3 bedroom home/w attached single car garage, in the village of Eagle Lake within a short walking distance to Public Beach and Shopping Centre. Short distance to Sir Sam's Skiing

**Jeff Wilson**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 233**Beautiful Lake View - \$219,000**

Well maintained 3 bedroom home only minutes to the town of Haliburton. Interior is finished with pine and features a granite stone fireplace, 2 bathrooms and full basement. Very private lot and loads of potential.

**Minutes to Haliburton - \$229,000**

Are you looking for 1.5 acres of property with ample living space? This is the property for you! This three bedroom 4 bathroom home is only minutes to Haliburton. Enjoy the wildlife from the back porch, as well as the beautifully landscaped gardens. Contact listing brokerage for more details.

**Ken* Barry**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 228**Hwy 118 - \$279,900**

Totally renovated three bedroom home with double attached garage minutes to the Village of Haliburton. Fabulous open concept design allows for great entertaining in the huge modern kitchen, dining and living room area which has a walkout to the large covered deck. New windows, flooring, lighting and 5 pce. bathroom featuring double sinks. The walkout basement is ready to finish to your own tastes and includes roughed in plumbing for a 2nd bathroom. All this sits on a 8.5 acre lot with tons of room to play and explore.

**Green Lake - \$239,900**

Great level lot with a hard sand beach area & beautiful creek on one side. Paved driveway and single garage and storage building with a great view and access right off Hwy 118. The cottage/home has had many recent upgrades with new windows, pine cathedral ceilings and more.

**Linda* Baumgartner & Troy Austen**
Haliburton Office
457-1011
ext. 231**Home on 25 Acres - \$154,900**

Ursa Road, room to play on nicely treed 25 ac parcel. Bright 1+2 bedrm with pine ceilings thru' main floor. Functional kitchen, large livingrm with w/o to deck. Full fin bsmt incl recroom & laundry/utility. FAE heat, airtight woodstove, 200 amp hydro, drilled well, septic. Neat & clean, ready to move in.

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**Lynda Litwin**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 35**Horseshoe Lake Deeded Access - \$265,000**

This lovely 2 bedroom home with a walk out basement is on a park like 2 acre setting of land with a pond, hill top bench, garden, pony barn, dog kennel, gardens to enjoy along with deeded access to Horseshoe Lake within walking distance. Call Lynda Litwin to view this home.

**Gull Lake - \$369,000**

Great 3 bedroom cottage at the end of a private road. Insulated and upgraded cottage with great views. Natural tree covered lot with natural path to the rock shelf shoreline. Sand bottom entry into the lake. Call to view it.

**Lisa Mercer**
Minden Office
286-2911
ext. 46**Twelve Mile Lake - \$599,000**

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 Terry Carr Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 236	 Little Glamor Lake - \$329,900 Little Gem on Little Glamor - Totally renovated cottage with custom maple cabinets, pine ceilings, poplar floor & wainscoting. 3 bedrooms and wraparound deck. Upgraded insulation and new roof. Very private, well treed lot with fabulous sand beach and great swimming.	 Kennisis River / Halls Lake - \$599,000 Architecturally designed for maximum water view and natural light! Stunning, spacious executive home or cottage located at the mouth of Hall's Lake on Kennisis River. Creative location gives you a big lake view, while being protected from motor traffic on the river. Amenities don't stop with geo-thermal heating, 2 fireplaces, cathedral ceilings, over-sized bedrooms, sun room, large living room, family room, large unfinished basement, 2-car garage, perennial gardens, 11'x11' greenhouse and more!
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 Vince*** Duchene Haliburton Office 457-1011 ext. 225	 Kashagawigamog Lake - \$429,000 Outstanding opportunity to own on "the" 5 lake chain in Haliburton. Two fully finished levels, 4 bedrooms, 2 kitchens, 2 baths, 2 laundry rooms and all upgraded. Also includes a lakeside (dry) boathouse with deck on top AND a huge lakeside dock to lounge at water's edge. This is a must see...call today for an appointment to view..	 Stormy Lake - \$409,694 Cottage or waterfront home situated 10 min from Haliburton. Village on gently sloping lot with 120' on the lake. 3 bdrms, 2 baths, a fantastic bright sunken living rm w/ loads of windows overlooking the lake & cathedral ceiling. Bright open concept kitchen, dining room w/ wood floors, finished rec room with walkout, laundry and a workout room or office area. New carpets and newly painted adds a modern upgraded touch! Two car detached garage. Shallow entry waterfront. Call today for an appointment to view.
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Tourism Board Moving Forward

"We have to be flexible and accommodating." (Warden Dave Burton)

Haliburton Tourism Board Chair Dave Bishop recently spoke with the members of the County's Economic Development and Tourism Committee and, according to Bishop, the advisory board is facing some real challenges.

"In my opinion there's only so much that we can do ourselves to advance tourism and how we can spend an \$80,000 budget."

That's the amount allocated for advertising and marketing. According to Economic Development and Tourism Director Bob Smith, by the time you add up what the County commits to tourism overall, including participation at trade shows, as much as \$150,000 in promotional dollars is spent by the County.

Bishop commented that many of the practices followed for tourism in the County are already established, adding that quite often Bob Smith will come to the Board with a budget that has already been allocated. "That's a challenge for the Board," he said, adding that they had very little discretionary power.

Bishop confirmed that Smith and the Tourism and Marketing Coordinator Amy Brohm keep the Board apprised of activity from the County Council's perspective and the Board advises the Council of trends that they see.

Bishop, who is also the General Manager for the Haliburton Forest and Wildlife Reserve said, "This year from my perspective this was the best winter we've ever had, with the exception of the March break melt."

Bishop said that he had heard similar reports from other businesses, adding that Sir Sam's had experienced their second best season ever. "On the other hand, I've heard some pretty poor stories, and the B&B's were way down."

Bishop said that he had heard a full gamut of stories and, for some, there seemed to be no real rationale. Despite the fact that there were lots of people in the County, particularly in Haliburton during that peak six week period, many businesses had not fared very well.

But Bishop also said local businesses have to concentrate more on their marketing and be ready for that particular period or 'they could be caught with their drawers down.'

Getting back to the Board, Bishop told Council that when board members caught wind of the announcement of the new tourism regions and the fact that Haliburton had been split into two regions that had not been their preference, they had instituted a letter writing campaign. According to Bishop, as many as 70 letters had been written which he felt had contributed considerably to the ultimate reshuffling.

"Now the County is together as a whole. It doesn't matter to me what region we're in. We will still market the County as a whole. It is very important for us to be together. Now that we're in Region 11, we will use that to the best advantage that we can, and we'll work with Bob Smith to make sure that County is well represented."

Dysart Reeve Murray Fearrey referred to rumours that he had heard about the County not doing a good job with tourism and said, "I've heard it from your group as well."

Fearrey asked, "What can Council and this Committee do to help?"

Bishop assured Fearrey that there was nothing specific that the Council could do. "The board has been in existence for approximately two years, and I'm not convinced that we're doing the job that we should be either."

Bishop also said that their level of success could also be gauged by the amount of money that they had available to them. Fearrey was in full agreement that that was one of the biggest challenges.

Warden Dave Burton commented that more money would always be helpful, but he said, "We know what we have and we need to explain that to the various venues." Burton said that everyone needed to think outside of the box a bit, suggesting there were ways to use the money they have available to them more effectively.

Fearrey said, "What we're trying to get at is that we have constraints, but we could consider some shifts."

But Bishop commented that he wasn't quite sure about the structure of the advisory board. "We need to cover a larger scope and to encourage the entire county. At present the Heads in Beds concept is included, the Arts Council, the restaurants and a few attractions, but representation is limited to location (primarily Haliburton and Minden) with little input from the eastern part of the county. There should be greater effort put into attracting a more diverse group of people to help us think outside of the box."

The term Heads in Beds refers primarily to businesses that offer accommodation, including inns, bed and breakfast hosts, lodges and hotels. It is also refers to a strategy that has been developed that focuses on managing hospitality and tourism marketing and branding.

Smith commented that the transition from the original board to the Haliburton County Tourism Board had helped considerably as the previous board was limited to Heads in Beds. Smith chimed in and said that the County now had greater flexibility in allocating advertising dollars which had helped considerably.

Fearrey suggested that the ever increasing cottage rental business had hurt the Heads in Beds businesses and resorts and Burton said, "If you look at the demographics, there is a whole generation of people that have disposable income. The resorts only offer them so much time and accommodation. There has to be a way to market attractions in the county as well as accommodation. People are looking for something different, for an experience and there's only so much that you can do at a hotel."

To Burton the cottage rental industry is doing well because they offer boats, ATVs or snowmobiles, trips to the ski hills next door and a myriad of things to do. Smith agreed that the cachet of having a facility with a pool may no longer be enough. "People don't necessarily want scheduled Sunday to Saturday bookings and some of the accommodators have a hard time dealing with that."

Bishop said, "People that have been in the business for a long time have long established practices, and they will have to start to make changes. That includes taking last minute bookings and cancellations. People are shopping a lot now on their computers, so we have to change our level of flexibility and our marketing to meet that demand. It is the trend and that will only increase."

Burton suggested that the Council would also have to be more flexible with things like traditional events and how permits are issued. "We'll have to look carefully at each situation and not lay out a blanket saying this is what we've always done." Burton asked everyone to keep that in the forefront of their minds when making decisions. "We have to be more flexible and accommodating."

Smith later said he agreed with Bishop and Tourism Board Co-chair Sally Moore, that more could be done by all stakeholders to promote the County and that he too has high hopes for more participation in the Tourism Board meetings.

Smith said that there is a pervading fear in some board members of the potential for the County to lose its identity. But he was firm in his belief that won't be the case. "We can still work with our traditional partners and continue to market ourselves as the Haliburton Highlands."

Smith confirmed that next week he and Brohm would be attending their first meeting with the Assistant Deputy Minister of Tourism since the County was officially reunited and Haliburton was firmly established in Region 11. According to Smith no final name has been chosen for Region 11, but commented that 'Algonquin Valley' and 'Algonquin Highlands' were both being considered as part of the organization's name.

Smith also commented that there was a bit of a misconception that tourism dollars would flow down to their desks at the county level. "That's not correct," he said. "The dollars will stay with the higher echelon in Region 11. However, when marketing material is prepared for the region, we will be included."

"To me it's a win/win situation. This will be an augmentation of our existing marketing dollars and how can that be a negative?"

Many of these ideas will be the focus of the upcoming Tourism Town Hall meeting in May. Anyone associated with a business, association or group that relies on visitors and tourism dollars has been asked to attend the meeting with a goal to establishing strategies to market and brand the Haliburton Highlands.

During the meeting, attendees will be updated on the concept of new Regional Tourism Organisations set up by the Ministry of Tourism, how they will be funded and programs for spending.

The meeting is hosted by the Heads in Beds stakeholders of Haliburton Tourism, sponsored by the Haliburton County Development Corporation and is supported by Haliburton County's Economic Development and Tourism Department, the Haliburton Highlands Arts Council and the Haliburton Highlands Chamber of Commerce.

The Tourism Town Hall meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 12th from 9:30 to noon at the Royal Canadian Legion in the Village of Haliburton. For more information about the meeting, contact Sally Moore, Co-chair of Haliburton Tourism, at 705-286-4922 or e-mail info@sunnyrock.on.ca. ■

Bluesy Moves at McKecks

Rita Chiarelli's sultry voice certainly wowed the audience at McKecks last Saturday night. Guests were treated to dinner and then to several original songs by the singer who has been dubbed the "goddess of Canadian blues" by CBC's Shelagh Rogers.

Performing since the age of fifteen, the JUNO award winner and Toronto based singer made her way to our Village of Haliburton, which she called, "Toronto's back yard. It's exciting to be in a place I've never been before."

Chiarelli who just stepped off the plane to perform for Haliburtonians from her whirlwind tour of the States, Western Canada and Europe, is now busy promoting her new CD entitled, "Sweet Paradise." She said she enjoys both ends of the touring and album worlds, particularly the travelling as it takes her to "places people don't always get to see. I enjoy bringing music to the people and that's just what the blues is all about, bringing music to the people."

Chiarelli performed with guitarist John King and bassist Brian Kobayakawa to a sell out crowd. The blues inspired singer sang with rock enforced notes and a bit of country twang, leaving time to weave in some jazz which she describes as "roots music."

It's easy to see who her influences are: Etta James and Koko Taylor and Big Mama Thornton are just a few of the blues singers that inspire her. Her deep, gravelly voice has always been there and she said, "People are surprised when they hear I can reach such a high range."

Sean Carthew, entertainment director at McKecks said he was extremely pleased with how the night went, "Rita Chiarelli was outstanding. She literally blew the roof off. She may be the best performer I have ever seen. The vibe was electric and the atmosphere awe inspiring."

From the look on faces in the crowd, Carthew's comments were right on the money. ■

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Heartworm in 2010

Ticks and mosquitoes have come to Haliburton County for another summer of fun. That means heartworm season is here again. Here is a little refresher on tick and mosquito borne diseases.

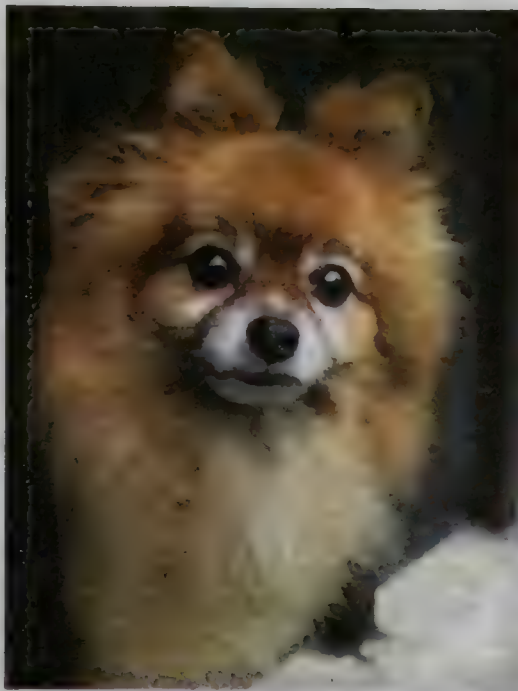
Mosquitoes are the culprits that spread heartworm, a worm that actually lives inside the heart and lungs of dogs and cats. Cats are an unusual host (as is man) and only a few get heartworm even when bitten by infected mosquitoes. All canines or dog species get heartworm, including wolves, coyotes, fox etc. It is in the wildlife in our area because dogs that have not left the area have been diagnosed with heartworm disease. Dogs are often not ill with the disease until a few seasons have passed. If we can find the infection early and treat it, the animal does much better. If left until the later stages, it is more difficult and dangerous to treat.

Heartworms are large roundworms that live in the right side of the heart and the blood vessels that supply the lungs, surviving on nutrients they steal from the dog's bloodstream. They can grow as long as 15-30 centimetres, and in severe cases a dog may actually have hundreds of worms. Damage to the heart, lungs and liver as well as obstruction of blood flow may result from this infestation. Eventually, fluid may build up in the lungs and restrict the dog's breathing. When damage to the internal organs is severe enough, death may be the result. The signs of heartworm disease are usually detectable only after the disease has progressed and much damage has already been done to the internal organs. This damage may be irreversible. An advanced case may develop signs of malaise, a cough, laboured breathing, vomiting and weight loss. The animal may also tire easily during exercise and collapse due to heart failure. Many cases in Ontario have no clinical signs at all due to low parasite burdens. Treatment involves giving a poison to your pet to kill off the worms inside the heart and blood vessels. Complications can arise from the clogging of the blood vessels with dead worms. The danger lies in the speed of kill off and number of worms present.

Great progress has been made in the diagnosis, prevention and treatment of heartworm over the years. Prevention is very simple now.

Every animal bitten by an infected mosquito can become infected. All dogs need to be tested. Some clinics do alternate year testing, others do annual tests. Spring is the best time but not the only time to test for Heartworm. When on medication all year long, any time of year is ok to test. The tests now are antigen tests and are much more accurate than the old filter tests that looked for the microfilaria (young form of the worm) in the blood stream.

Diseases that are spread by ticks, like Ehrlichia, Lyme, and Anaplasmosis are also tested for with the same blood sample. There has been a great increase in the number of ticks found in the area recently, and, therefore, an increase in tick borne diseases. Ticks generally need to be on the animal for a significant amount of time before the disease can be passed to the animal from the tick. Most of the times, ticks are not noticed on the furry animals until they have been there for some time.



Lyme is the most prevalent of the tick borne diseases in our area and it is also a disease people can get from the tick as well.

All dogs need a heartworm test every other year. Puppies only need a test if born before September 2009 as younger ones would not have lived through a heartworm season yet and could not have an infection. All outdoor cats should be on prevention.

Prevention has never been so easy. All heartworm medication should be started before June first and continue for 6 months in our climate. The heartworm prevention works retrospectively killing off any infection in the past 30-40 days. The flea prevention works in the future, stopping infection for the next 28 days. Intestinal parasite prevention works at the moment it is given to kill off intestinal parasites. Many of the preventions do all three with one application.

There are several once a month treatments, oral or topical. Even though the preventive medication is much improved now, the labels on the medication suggest testing before initiating preventive treatment. Also, all products are considered to have some degree of ineffectiveness, which warrants periodic retesting. How many people can say they remembered every monthly treatment?

Often people say to me that they believe heartworm to be on the decline and they do not want to bother testing for it or preventing it. Statistics from private labs (www.ovma.org) showed that heartworm infections reported were up 280% from 2005 to 2008 in Ontario. Clearly it is not on the decline and pet owners need to take the necessary steps to protect their pets. When the statistics show a decline in the number of positive heartworm tests, it will show us that our preventative program is working, not that we should become complacent.

Some claim that their pet was on prevention the year before so they do not need a test to see if they got heartworm last season. First, if we never test, we never know the scope of the problem. That, of course, does not address the individual dog or pocket book. Statistics on the Ontario Veterinary Medical Association website show that 30 of the positive heartworm dogs in 2002 were on prevention. No medication is foolproof and neither is any human that gives the medication.

Ticks and mosquitoes are here to stay, be sure your pet is treated with a prevention for the diseases they spread. We will never be able to completely eliminate heartworm, as it is now being found in the wild dog and stray dog populations in Ontario which we cannot control. This will, unfortunately act as a source of infection for the pet population. Ticks and mosquitoes are also not very controllable, they are a fact of life in Haliburton County and we have yet to find a fool proof method of avoiding contact with the insects, even for indoor dogs. It only takes one bite by an infected mosquito to get heartworm disease. ■

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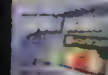
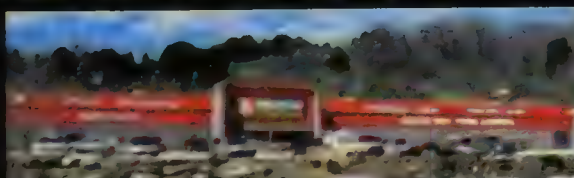
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Reports of Hodgson's Winnipeg Calder Cup Junket Premature

By Seamus O'Bradaigh



Haliburton Cottager Cody Hodgson and Vancouver Canuck first round draft pick (and 10th overall) in 2008 won't be joining the AHL's Manitoba Moose as they make their 2010 playoff run.

There was some controversy raised last season when Hodgson joined the Moose for an extended playoff run that culminated with the Calder Cup championship series (which the Moose lost) against the Hershey Bears.

The young and talented centre was expected to provide the Moose with some much needed

offense this year. Hodgson scored two goals and six points in his 11 games with the Moose during the Calder Cup playoffs last spring.

The controversy arose after Hodgson suffered a season changing back injury while training with Canucks Director of Player Development Dave Gagner at Gagner's workout facility in London.

The back injury contributed to Hodgson's relegation back to the OHL's Brampton Battalion after a stint at Canuck's fall training camp. Hodgson only returned to the Battalion in February, spending the fall and most of the winter rehabbing with his personal physician.

Hodgson, shortly after returning to play with the Battalion, was involved in a press conference where he delineated that he would no longer be training with Gagner.

Vancouver Province writer Jim Jamieson wrote: "Hodgson, in his first public statements since the highly touted Canucks prospect was returned to junior on Sept. 28, said the Vancouver organization has had no input into the treatment of his ailing back since he was sent down. He added that he won't be doing his usual summer training with Vancouver Canucks director of player development Dave Gagner - in whose facility in London, Ont., Hodgson originally hurt his back last July."

Jamieson went on to say that there was indication of a rift

between Hodgson and the Vancouver brass.

"While Hodgson's comments appeared to indicate there's a frosty relationship between himself and the Canucks organization, Gagner said the reason they won't be training together is because he relocated from London, Ont., to Vancouver last summer," wrote Jamieson. "Gagner added that if the impression given is that the two have severed ties, that is not the case."

"Previously, Cody lived with us while training there," said Gagner. "I'm aware of what training he has planned and I approve of it."

Later interviews with Vancouver GM Mike Gillis on the weekend indicated that the Canucks front office was in full damage control mode.

"There is no rift between the Vancouver Canucks and Cody Hodgson and the elite prospect remains committed to playing for the National Hockey League club, general manager Mike Gillis insisted Saturday," said Vancouver Sun writer Ian MacIntyre.

"I've listened to it; I've seen what he said," Gillis said of the conference call. "There's a serious gap with 'I'm working in Toronto with qualified people' to 'I don't want to work with Dave Gagner.' Because that's not what he said."

Denials aside, there is little doubt that Vancouver wants to tread lightly with their highly touted prospect, especially after coach Alain Vigneault's rather perturbing assessment last fall, shortly after sending Hodgson back to the Battalion.

MacIntyre reported that Vigneault told The Vancouver Sun after Hodgson was returned to junior that the centre, "[who sought an independent medical assessment of his back] may have been looking for an excuse for his disappointing training camp."

"That remark apparently upset Hodgson's family, although Gillis said no one has expressed that sentiment to him," added MacIntyre.

Thus there is little chance that Hodgson will be joining the Moose during the playoffs this season.

Hodgson played 13 regular season games with the Brampton Battalion and suited up in 11 playoff contests, playing hard despite a nagging foot injury.

Vancouver may want to make some decisions this summer regarding Hodgson.

Let's hope they consult the player and not their egos and try to do right by their number one pick from 2008. ■



"Is my ball marker in your line?"

HHHS Sporting News

From Judi Paul's HHHS class

The Red Hawk senior badminton team played in the Kawartha Qualifying tournament where they qualified 9 of 16 players for Kawartha next week.

Results were as follows:

4th Place: Kara Pogue and Dan Wright - Mixed Doubles

Kelsey Crowe and Megan Macduff - Ladies' Doubles
Rachel Burk - Ladies' Singles

3rd Place: Jesse Walker and Scott Griffith - Men's Doubles

2nd Place: Drew Paul and Jesse Schmidt - Men's Doubles

The Red Hawk junior badminton team hosted the Kawartha Qualifying tournament and put in a solid performance, qualifying 14 players for next week's Kawartha tournament travelled to LCVI

to compete in their first qualifying tournament.

1st Place: Sam Tallman and Grace Diezel - Girls' Doubles

Greg Foster - Boys' Singles
Darcy Schmidt and Bin Chun - Boys' Doubles

Tanner Ballantyne and Sandy Griffith - Mixed Doubles

2nd Place: Brett Yake and Andrew Murray - Boys' Doubles

3rd Place: Tanner Hamilton and Jessica Bishop - Mixed Doubles

4th Place: Ali Hicks and Brigitta Hicks - Girls' Doubles
Jamie Dack - Girls' Singles. ■

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The crack of bats will be heard in the Minden ballpark again this season beginning May 31st. The second evening of Minden Youth Recreational Softball registration is Monday May 26th from 6:30 until 8 PM upstairs at the Minden Community Center. All players, both boys and girls, are welcome. Registration is open to everyone between the ages of 4 and 19; players do not have to reside in Minden Hills to play. The league had a successful 2009 season, and Minden Hills Director of Community Services, and league organizer, Rick Cox, is hoping for another great season. Cost is \$30.00 per player, which includes a team T-shirt, team photo and BBQ supper at the end of the season.

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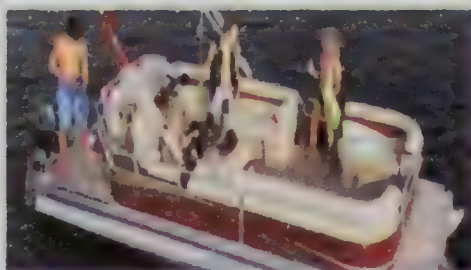


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Wilberforce Fair Rejuvenated through \$35,000 Grant.

By Zoe Cittern and Liz Danielsen



This year the Wilberforce Fair will be celebrating its 27th year and visitors will be treated to some real changes.



For the first time the Fair will be hosting entertainment, along with aesthetic enhancements such as new bleachers, new lighting and practical solutions such as hand washing stations. A new tent, improved signage and a new sound system will all be part of the upgrading.

The Wilberforce Agricultural Society, which hosts the fair, has been able to achieve these improvements by successfully applying for a Celebrate Ontario 2010 grant from the Ontario government, through the Ministry of Tourism and Culture for \$35,250.

Joanne Vanier, a director and treasurer for the Society noted, "We saw the grant as a wonderful opportunity for upgrades, which will enhance it for years to come. In all the years we've run the fair we've never been able to afford entertainment and this year, due to the grant, we finally can."

The Society has booked the Blackfly Boogie Band, a well established five-piece band that has been working together for approximately 10 years. Playing a mixture of classic country, new country and rock and roll, they take pride in their lead singer's ability to read the crowd and know exactly what type of music they would like to hear.

The grant money will pay for the entertainment for the coming year. However for the future the society hopes to get corporate sponsors and businesses to help continue the entertainment portion.

Vanier adds, "We struggle each year to keep the fair going for the community. We're very excited about the grant money, but it must be used for very specific improvements and enhancements to the Fair. Our regular day to day expenses, such as insurance, cannot be paid from it so our volunteers are still out there fundraising to keep the fair going. Local businesses play a huge part in this support."

Unfortunately funds were not specifically earmarked to replace the horse pull track, which according to Highlands East Councillor Gary Stoughton, are beyond repair and needs replacement. Last week the Highlands East Council talked about the need to rebuild the track at the fairgrounds.

Stoughton raised the issue and the question about whether material from the quarry in Irondale could be used.

According to Stoughton, the existing limestone base on the track doesn't last and Reeve Dave Burton agreed, "One way or another we have to decide how we can fix the track, and if we do how we'll pay for it."

Stoughton mentioned that the agreement with the quarry operator allowed the municipality to take quarry material rather than royalties or fees. He also said that he had spoken with several people in the Minden area about the track in Norland, which has been touted as the best track in the area and was built from the same material.

Stoughton said, "If we don't fix it, we won't have a fair. The biggest draw is the horses and last year there were more than 20 teams."

Stoughton also commented that he had understood when the grant was applied for that the track would be included, which turned out not to be the case.

Council discussed the amount of material required, and agreed that the trucking could be done in house. After a bit more dialogue, a resolution was passed unanimously that material would be taken in lieu of cash from the quarry operator and that the material would be used to replace the track.

So not only will this traditional event in Wilberforce be improved with new enhancements from the grant money, the track for the horse pull will be replaced in time for this year's fair.

Along with the Black-Fly Boogie band, children's songwriter and Juno nominee Jake Differ will be performing for the little ones. Ziggy the Clown, will bring Nikki his goat to the Fair this year, amusing the children with his antics. There will be games and competition for all ages, along with a great variety of displays and exhibits.

Vanier told the Voice, "If you've never been to the Wilberforce Fair before, this is the year to come. If you have been before, you'll want to come see us now."

The Fair runs from Friday evening through Saturday, August 6th & 7th. Watch for Fair Books that will be distributed throughout the area starting the end of May or visit the society's website at www.wilberforcefair.com.



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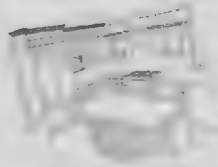
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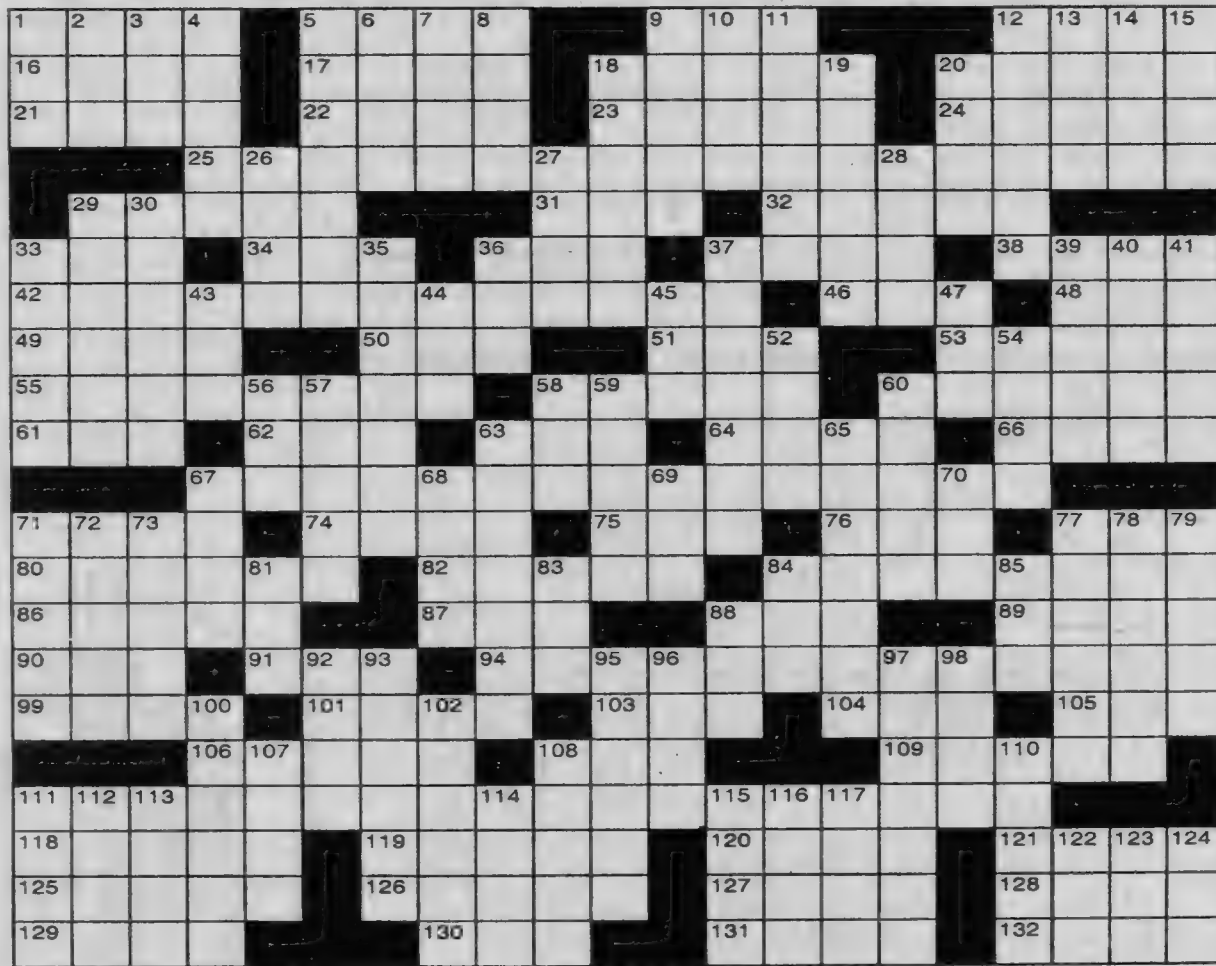
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Dear Abby

by Abigail Van Buren

WIFE WONDERERS HOW TO ADDRESS HUSBAND'S CHOICE OF CLOTHES

DEAR ABBY: I think my husband may be a cross-dresser. Last night while "Roland" and I were cuddling in bed, I felt his legs and they were smoother than mine. I asked him why he keeps shaving his legs and stomach, and then it dawned on me. Roland has sent me e-mails hinting about dressing up. One year, he purchased a pair of high heels, saying he wanted to dress up like a woman. I examined them the other day and there is evidence that they have been worn more than once. My lingerie drawer is sometimes a mess, and sometimes my clothes are a bit out of place. I believe my husband dresses up while I'm out of town on business trips.

I'd kind of like to see him dressed up, but I'm afraid he might look sexier than me. Lately Roland has been asking me if he can join me when I go shopping for clothes. He does chores around the house (vacuuming, ironing, dishes), and if he enjoys cross-dressing, I say he can wear any outfit he wants. How can I tell him I know what he's doing? — WISE TO HIM IN FORT WORTH

DEAR WISE TO HIM: The next time the two of you cuddle up in bed, tell Roland you have been thinking about the e-mail he sent you regarding dressing up, that it's OK with you, and you think you might enjoy seeing him that way. It's a non-threatening way to get the message across.

But please remember that not all men who shave their body hair are cross-dressers. And if your husband has been doing the ironing — and the washing that would naturally precede it — your clothes may not have been the way you left them because he put them away. As to him accompanying you shopping, plenty of non-cross-dressers shop with their wives — and some of them have better taste than the women.

DEAR ABBY: How do I tell a friend of many years that the wig she wears is not flattering? We're nearly 80, and the wig is black and falls past her shoulders. Her hair was dark when she was young, but now the color looks harsh.

She started wearing the wig because it was too much trouble to go to the hairdresser every week. Something shorter and lighter in color would look much better.

My friend can be vain about her appearance. How do I enlighten her without hurting her feelings? — CARING FRIEND IN OHIO

DEAR CARING FRIEND: Here's what I'd do. With the understanding that it's affordable, I would suggest to my friend that "for kicks" the two of us "girls" go out for a makeup and hair makeover — and let a professional broach the subject. If she declined the invitation, I'd keep my mouth firmly shut. And that's what I'd recommend to you.

DEAR ABBY: My boyfriend will not let go of my past. I didn't level with him about a couple of relationships because I knew he was a racist. He found out, and now all I get is teasing and comments almost every day. If he sees a talk show about a liar, he says, "Oh! There you are!" It's the same if the subject is a whore.

What he's doing is hurting me. Is this normal behavior? Am I supposed to ignore him? I have asked him to stop, but he says he won't until I learn to laugh about it. Any suggestions? — EMBARRASSED IN ANAHEIM

DEAR EMBARRASSED: Just this: What's going on is not "normal" and it's no laughing matter. Tell your boyfriend that the next time he calls you a whore or a liar, he is history. And stand by your word, unless you want to spend the rest of your life with a racist who has a sadistic sense of humor and no respect for your feelings.

Horoscopes

It's in the Stars

BORN THIS WEEK: Your heart is always open to offer loving concern for others. And they, in turn, reach out to complete the circle.

ARIES (March 21 to April 19) The Lamb is usually excited about taking on a new challenge. But if that's a touch of doubt you're feeling, maybe it's you telling yourself to go slow on this until you learn more about it.

TAURUS (April 20 to May 20) Accepting new commitments when you haven't yet finished the batch on hand could be a bit rash. Better to ease up on the new ones until you get further along with your current lot.

GEMINI (May 21 to June 20) Reward yourself for what's sure to be a dynamic week with a getaway to someplace wonderful, hopefully with a wonderful someone. You'll return refreshed and ready for what's ahead.

CANCER (June 21 to July 22) Some people might be anxious about your plans. So you need to take time to explain what you expect to do and how you expect to do it. And don't forget to ask for suggestions.

LEO (July 23 to August 22) Dealing with an unfamiliar problem can be difficult. The wisest course you can take is to ask for advice from those who have been where you are and have come through it. Good luck.

VIRGO (August 23 to September 22) Tackle a frustrating job problem by considering possibilities you might have ignored before. This reassures colleagues you're serious about finding a solution, even if it's not totally yours.

LIBRA (September 23 to October 22) Your balanced approach to life proves to be helpful this week when someone you care for needs your spiritual comfort, while someone else benefits from your tough-love practicality.

SCORPIO (October 23 to November 21) Once again, you're likely to be asked to keep a secret for someone. But do you really want to do so? Be honest with yourself and with your needs before you make any such commitment.

SAGITTARIUS (November 22 to December 21) Taking a more direct approach from the more diplomatic one you've used before could make a difference in finally resolving a too-long-held disagreement. Try it.

CAPRICORN (December 22 to January 19) Being asked for advice is flattering to the Sea Goat, who has a habit of saying the right thing. This time, expect someone to be especially impressed and to act on that sentiment.

AQUARIUS (January 20 to February 18) With a number of pressures easing, your project could be making a lot more progress than you expected by this time. That's great news. But don't let yourself be distracted; stay with it.

PISCES (February 19 to March 20) An interesting challenge looms that could be exactly what you've been looking for. Discuss this with colleagues who could have much to contribute and who might want to join with you.

ISAAC ASIMOV'S SUPER QUIZ

Take this Isaac Asimov's Super Quiz to a Ph.D. Score 1 point for each correct answer on the Freshman Level, 2 points on the Graduate Level and 3 points on the Ph.D. Level.

Subject: FOR THE BIRDS
(e.g., The class of vertebrates comprising birds. Answer: Aves.)

FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. The largest living bird.
Answer _____
2. What bird typically hoots?
Answer _____
3. The lyrebird is notable for its superb ability to _____.
Answer _____

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. What large bird is endemic to Antarctica?
Answer _____
5. What record is claimed by the wandering albatross?
Answer _____
6. What bird uniquely uses its beak upside down?
Answer _____

PH.D. LEVEL

7. Term for carnivorous birds of prey that hunt and kill other animals.
Answer _____

8. What ability allows birds to detect danger while still getting a bit of shut-eye?
Answer _____

9. What is a passerine bird?
Answer _____

ANSWERS: 1. Ostrich. 2. Owl. 3. Mimic (sounds). 4. Emperor penguin. 5. Largest wingspan. 6. Flamingo. 7. Raptor. 8. Sleep with one eye open (and half of their brain awake). 9. A bird that perches.

SCORING:

18 points — congratulations, doctor; 15 to 17 points — honors graduate; 10 to 14 points — you're plenty smart, but no grind; 4 to 9 points — you really should hit the books harder; 1 point to 3 points — enroll in remedial courses immediately; 0 points — who reads the questions to you?

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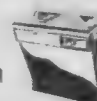
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**JULIE GOODWIN, EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR
AND THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

SIRCH
Community Services

**VOLUNTEER
APPRECIATION
WEEK IS
APRIL 18th - April 24th**

"FABULOUS, PHENOMENAL, DEVOTED, SENSATIONAL"

These are the words we use to describe our dedicated volunteers that make the programs at SIRCH Community Services successful. Without you, our services could not operate. Our community is a better place because of you.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to:

- Our **Board of Directors** for their guidance and encouragement
- Our **Hospice Volunteers** for their listening ear and compassionate hearts
- Our **Community Action Program for Children and Canada Prenatal Nutrition Program Volunteers** for their commitment to the health and well being of families and children
- Our **Community Kitchen Volunteers** for cooking up a storm and providing nutritional meals for our families
- Our **Fundraising Committee Volunteers** for their dedication, time and commitment

As SIRCH Community Services celebrates Volunteer Appreciation Week we take the time to reflect and gratefully acknowledge the multitude of wonderful volunteers (past and present) who have made SIRCH what it is today. **THANK YOU!**

WE SIMPLY COULDN'T DO IT WITHOUT YOU!

Announcements

IN CELEBRATION OF THEIR WEDDING!

The honor of your presence
is requested at the
Wedding dance for
Robin Flood
&
Rob Dillane
Saturday April 24th, 2010
8:30pm - 1:00am
Minden Community Centre

*Two lives, two hearts
joined together in friendship,
and united forever in love.*

*It is with joy that we,
Ted & Karen Parish
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as we celebrate our
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All family and friends welcome.*

Happy Birthday

Happy Lucky Birthday Boy -



Paul
22-44-66

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In Memory of

In Loving Memory of Nettie Jane McGue

It's hard to believe it has been one year since you left to be with the lord. Heaven's garden must be doing a lot better since mom got there. Mom you are sadly missed but we know your pain is gone. Mom you may be gone but you will never be forgotten you are always in our thoughts and prayers. We miss you dearly. But as you always told us not to worry because one day we would all be together again.

*Love from your kids
Danny, Edward and Loretta.
Grandchildren; Joshua and Neely*

Thank You

The family of the late Jack Watson wishes to express our deep appreciation to everyone for their generous donations and floral tributes in memory of Jack. A Special thank you to everyone for their prayers, phone calls, cards and food brought to our home during this difficult time.

Our family was deeply touched by the consoling and sincere words spoken by Rev. Patsy Henry. Thank you to our grandchildren Andrew, Jeffery and Nikole for the eulogy to their Grandpa and Carol for her eulogy to her Uncle Jack as well as Lynn's kind words in memory of her father-in-law.

Thank you to Gord Monk Funeral Home (Barry) for their professionalism and being there for us in our time of loss, as well as the UCW ladies for the delicious lunch served at the Lloyd Watson Centre.

Also, thank you to Elsie Lewis for providing the organ music and to the Pall Bearers Jim Murdoch, Larry Donaldson, Rodney Hogan, Ron Dack, Don Toews and Elgin MacDuff whom were working and camping buddies.

*Sincerely,
Marlene and Family*

Mr. & Mrs.
Charles & Isabel Perrott
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Sixtieth
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On
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Announcements

ANNOUNCEMENT - HDA dance showcase! Friday May 7th- 6:30p.m. Saturday May 8th-11:00a.m.-6:30p.m. Northern Lights performing arts pavilion. Tickets available at The Photo Shop Haliburton, tickets sell out fast! (April E)

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Death Notices

In Loving Memory of

Gerald Kenneth Baker (Gerry) October 11, 1938 - April 16, 2010

Gerry died early Friday morning, with Marg at his side in Haliburton Hospital, of Acute Myeloid Leukemia. Gerry's most treasured relationships were his family, his wife Marg of 48 years; his sons Stuart (Darlene), and Scott (Phyllis), grandchildren Becky, Tyler, Josh, Lauren, Collin, Matthew, Hannah and Sophie.

Gerry and Marg were originally from Windsor, Ontario and moved to Toronto in 1962 to start his career. Gerry loved business and was always an entrepreneur. He started Gerry Baker and Associates in 1979 which grew to be Baker, Harris and Partners, an executive recruiting firm that was unique in its character. The firm reflected his personality - honest, hard working, caring, with a strong desire to win. Gerry retired in 2004 and enjoyed spending winters in Bonita Springs, FL and summers in Haliburton.

He has been cremated, and there was a private service with his family. A celebration of his life will be held in early Saturday, May 8th, 2010 at 2:00 pm at Pinestone Resort, Haliburton (1-800-461-0357).

We want to offer a special thank-you to the medical team that cared for Gerry - from Princess Margaret: Dr. Mark Minden and Dr. Ken Peckham. From Haliburton Hospital: Dr. Steve Ferracuti and all the nursing staff, and from Paramed, D'arcie Hunter.

*In lieu of flowers, Gerry's sons are celebrating his life by riding in The Ride to Conquer Cancer from T.O. to Niagara Falls June 12, 13.
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Dollo's IGA becomes Dollo's Foodland



"The more things
change, the more
they remain the
same."



Referring to the changeover from the IGA brand to Foodland, Store Manager Jamie Dollo says "Everything will be the same, or better."

Dollo's IGA, often affectionately referred to as "Igga", has been transformed to a Foodland grocery store. According to manager Jamie Dollo, the change will be a benefit to locals, and shoppers can be reassured that staffing, store policies and Compliments brands will not change.

The most noticeable difference will be the alterations to decor. Sobey's has been very helpful during the transition, providing support staff to assist with the changeover. "From a shopper's perspective everything will be the same or better", Jamie Dollo emphatically stated.

Owner Dave Dollo is of the same opinion, likening the Sobey's changeover to a "freshening up" rather than a major transformation.

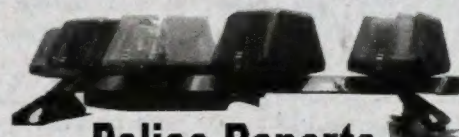
Sobeys is one of two national grocery retailers in Canada (Loblaws being the other) and a wholly owned subsidiary of Empire Company Limited, headquartered in Stellarton, Nova Scotia. The company is phasing out its IGA franchises and streamlining distribution to their large flagship Sobeys stores along with their Price Chopper, Thrifty Foods and Foodland banners.

The change should be more cost effective for Sobeys and, in theory, a good thing for consumers. The Dollo family has always been an ardent supporter of community causes and Sobey's philosophy also appears to support philanthropic initiatives.

Dollo's IGA has been a fixture in Minden since brothers Peter and Joe opened Dollo Brothers IGA on the main street 54 years ago. Prior to that they had operated a fruit stand in town.

The initial family venture into the county was during the late 30's when Peter and Joe's older sister Phyllis Dollo, along with husband Bruno Teberi, opened a fruit and vegetable outlet in Haliburton. Dollo's IGA has moved twice and expanded its present facility since Peter and Joe set up shop on the main street of Minden over half a century ago.

Given that Dollo's has been servicing Haliburton County longer than Sobey's has existed, the recent transition to the Foodland banner may in fact be a case of, "the more things change, the more they remain the same". (Alphonse Karr-novelist 1808) ■



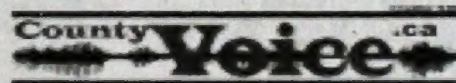
Police Reports

Bancroft OPP Respond to Break and Enters

On Wednesday the 14th of April 2010 Officers from the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of a break and enter on Gunter Lane in the Township of Tudor and Cashes. Investigation revealed that a seasonal residence had been forcibly entered and property reported stolen included a DVD player, phone, coffee maker and toaster.

On Saturday the 17th of April 2010 the Bancroft OPP responded to the report of a break and enter on Dyno Road in the Municipality of Highlands East. Investigation revealed that a seasonal residence had been forcibly entered and property reported stolen included a DVD, various hand tools and a chainsaw. ■

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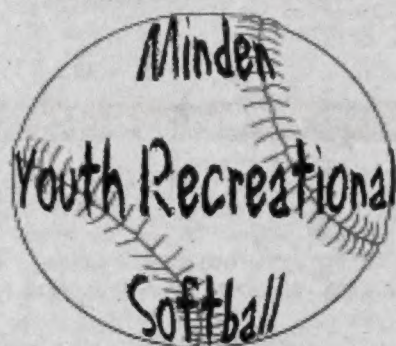
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Tuesday, April 27th & Wednesday, April 28th 2010

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Wednesday, April 28, 2010
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"Meet and Greet"

from 6:30 - 7:15 PM

The AGM will commence
at 7:30 PM sharp.

There will be By-Law changes
as follows:

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